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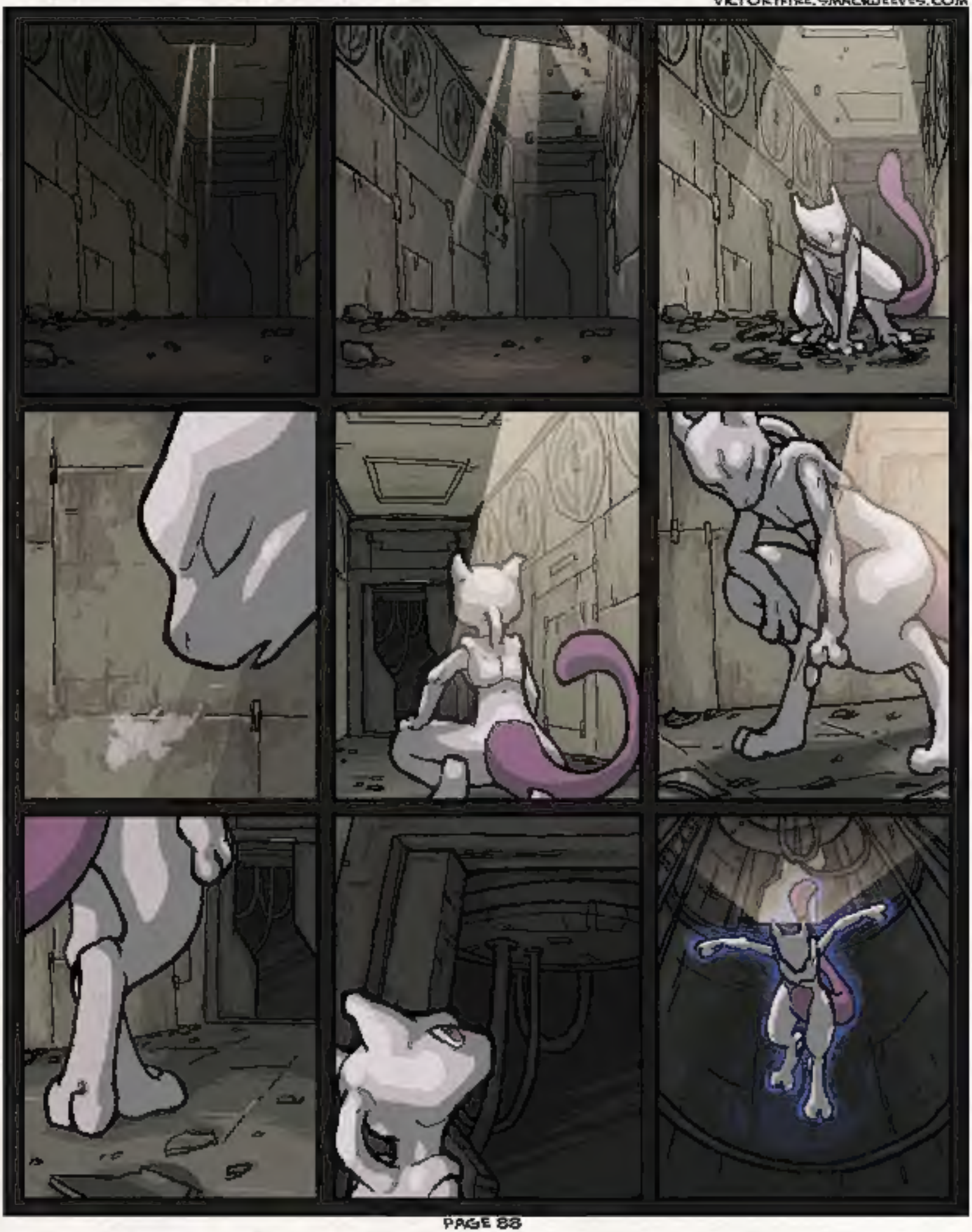

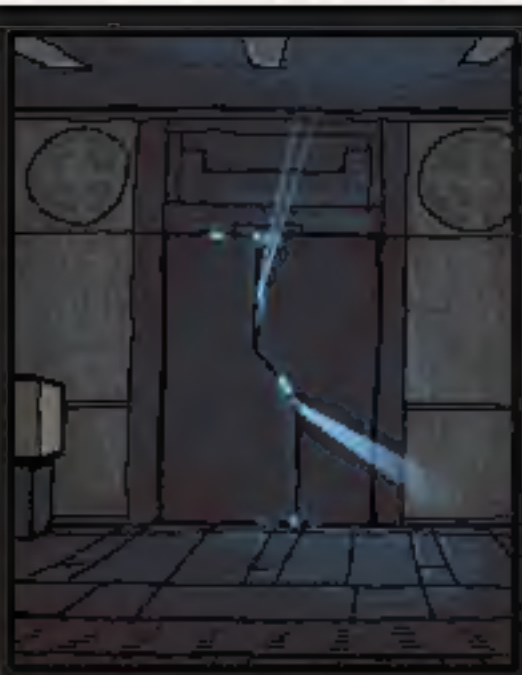

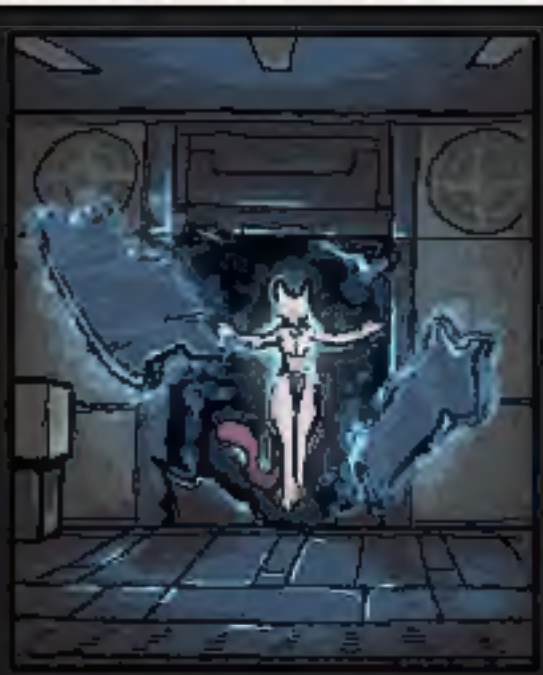

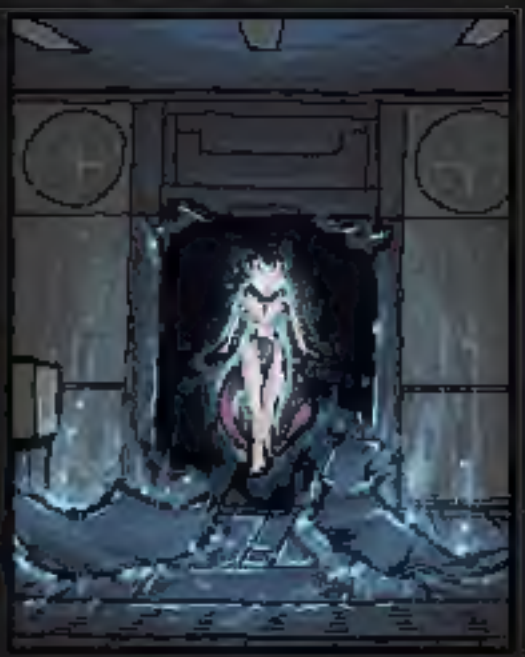

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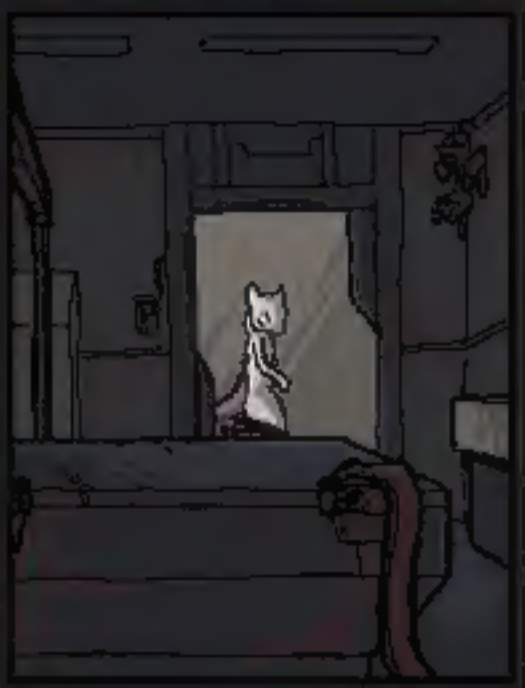
ALL INSTANCES
OF DREAMS OR



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YOU WERE DOWN THERE FOR A LONG TIME. I WAS STARTING TO WORRY.
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SHAKING.

I...
...IT'S BAD DOWN THERE
...
THE... EMOTIONAL RESONANCE
...
SIT DOWN.

IT'S THE RIGHT PLACE.
SOMETHING TERRIBLE WAS DONE HERE.
I... SAW WHAT IT SAW, BUT I COULDN'T SEE XDOO2 ITSELF. THERE'S A... A BLANK SPACE IN THE WORLD AROUND IT.

A DARK TYPE.
YES. I THINK SO.

I'LL TRY AGAIN TO LOCATE LOVRINA.

...

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND HER.

SOMETHING WENT WRONG HERE, TERRIBLY WRONG.

I THINK THEY CREATED SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND... AND COULDN'T CONTROL.

NO. FORGET LOVRINA. TALK TO KRANE.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT OF HIS RESEARCH, I NEED TO SEE IT.

ALL RIGHT.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'M GOING TO TRY AND TRACK DOWN XD002.

...AND PRAY THAT KRANE DIDN'T DESTROY EVERY-THING...

BECAUSE IF XD002 CANNOT BE PURIFIED, I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO KILL IT.

...ON YOUR OWN?

I DON'T LIKE THIS.

SOMEONE HAS TO CLEAN UP CIPHER'S MESS.

...BUT WHY YOU? WHAT CAN YOU DO AGAINST A DARK TYPE?

I WON'T BE DEFENSELESS. I'VE LEARNED SOME WAYS TO DEAL WITH THEM...

JUST... BE CAREFUL, ALL RIGHT? DON'T GET YOURSELF HURT.

YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND TO ME, N.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THAT ABOUT ONE OF YOUR KIND.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME- I'LL BE FINE.

HEY! STAY IN TOUCH! I MEAN IT! IF I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU IN A WEEK, I'LL COME LOOKING.

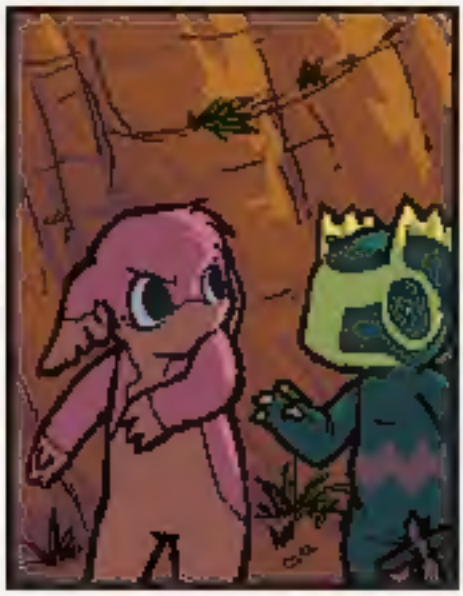
heh

ALL RIGHT THEN.

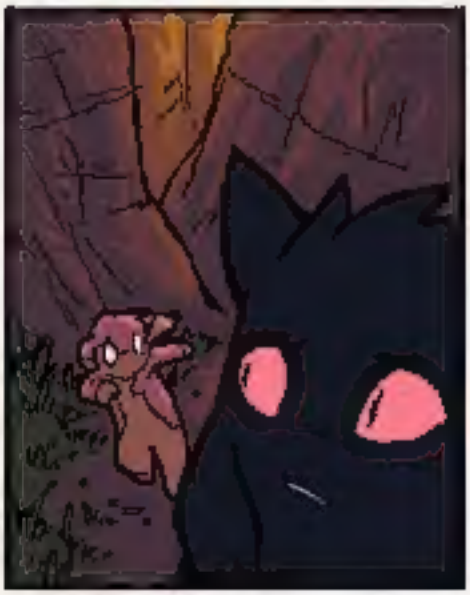
A WEEK...

...SORRY KID...
BUT IT'S FOR THE BEST ANY-WAY.
I'M JUST BAD NEWS...

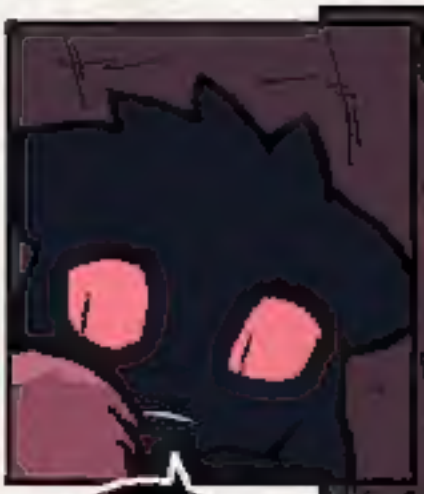
JEN, IT'S GOING TO BE DARK SOON.
YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION --



WAIT-
GENGAR, WAIT!



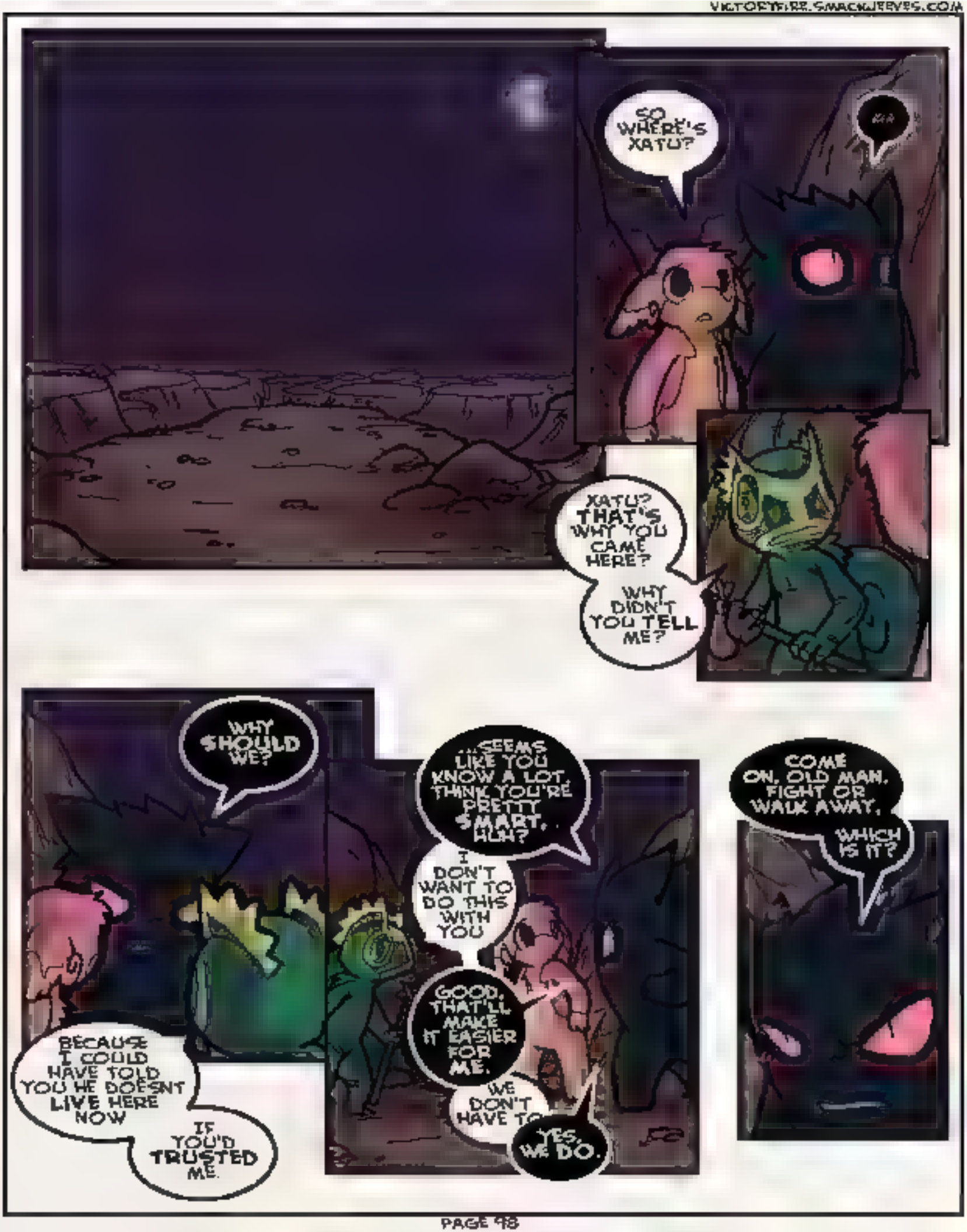
-I DIDN'T THANK YOU.


DON'T-
I CAN'T-

I KNOW...
WHAT YOU SAID...
...AND IF YOU HAVE TO GO, IT'S OKAY...

...I JUST WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...

LOOK... I'LL...
I'LL COME UP WITH YOU.
JUST TO THE TOP.
I GUESS I CAN DO THAT MUCH, OKAY?
OKAY.
YOU'RE SCARED OF SOMETHING. REALLY SCARED.
WHAT IS IT? ...
THIS IS THE WORST PART.
BUT IT'S A STRAIGHT PATH. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS KEEP GOING.
ARE YOU DOING ALL RIGHT BACK THERE?
YEAH.
HERE WE ARE ...
THE PEAK.


SO WHERE'S XATU?
XATU? THAT'S WHY YOU CAME HERE?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
WHY SHOULD WE?
BECAUSE I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU HE DOESNT LIVE HERE NOW
IF YOU'D TRUSTED ME.
SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW A LOT. THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU
GOOD. THAT'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME.
WE DON'T HAVE TO
YES, WE DO.
COME ON, OLD MAN. FIGHT OR WALK AWAY.
WHICH IS IT?

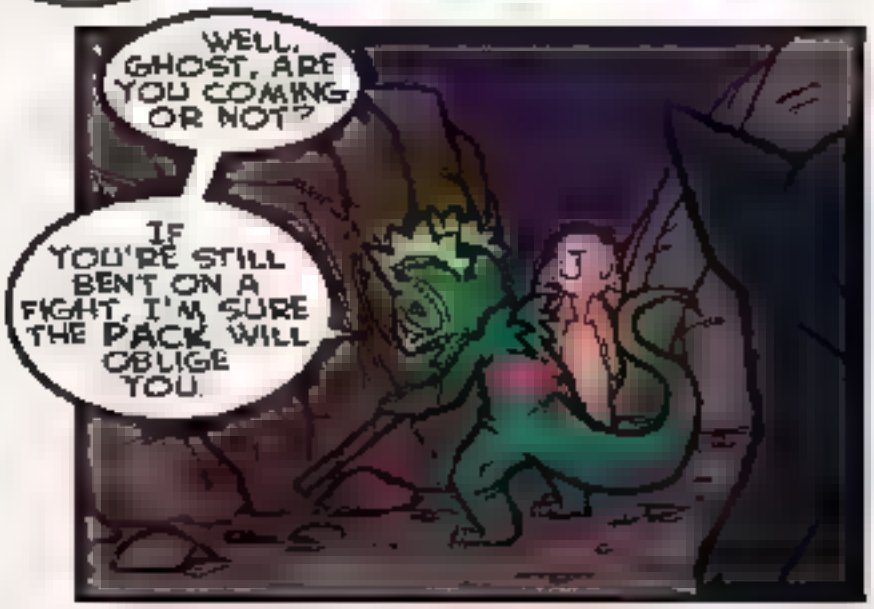
WHAT WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
YOU DON'T FIGHT LIKE A GENGAR
WHAT?
I CAN TAKE YOU

STOP IT!

STOP ACTING LIKE ANIMALS.
THE DOGS ARE COMING
I CAN HEAR THEM.

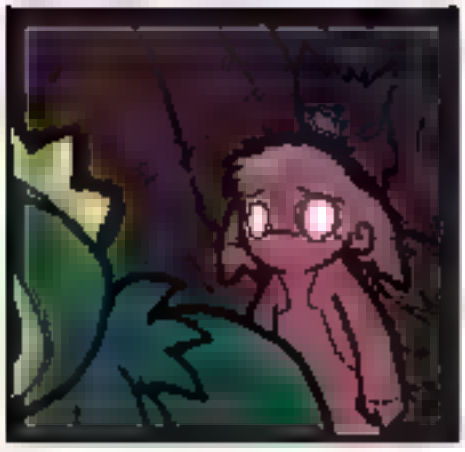
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE
MOVE. BOTH OF YOU.

...ANIMALS...?


WELL, GHOST, ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?
IF YOU'RE STILL BENT ON A FIGHT, I'M SURE THE PACK WILL OBLIGE YOU.

THIS WAY
I KNOW A PLACE THE HOUNDOOM WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO

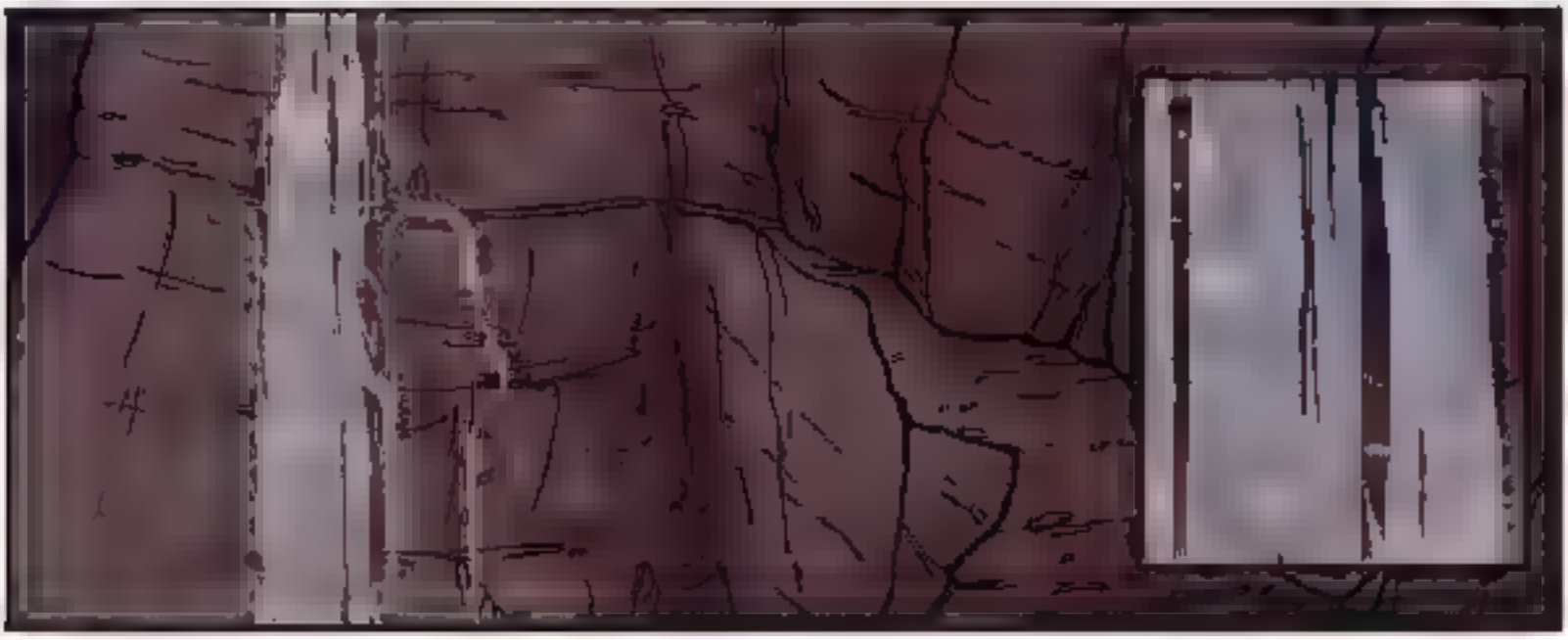
I JUST HOPE WE CAN GET TO IT



I SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

MUST BE NEARLY MIDNIGHT
WHY DIDN'T I LEAVE WHEN I COULD?

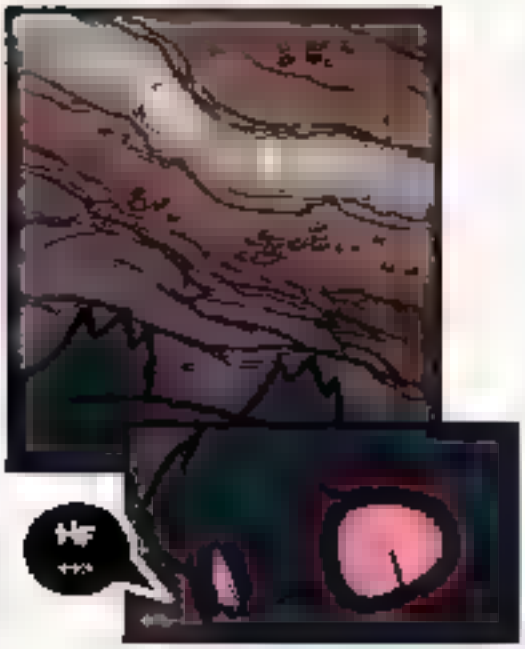
THERE
DO YOU SEE IT?



UMM
THAT PATH GETS REALLY NARROW

AROUUUUUUU!!
THEY'RE HERE!
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY IT NOW
COME ON. I'LL HELP YOU OVER

GO SLOW IT'S ALL RIGHT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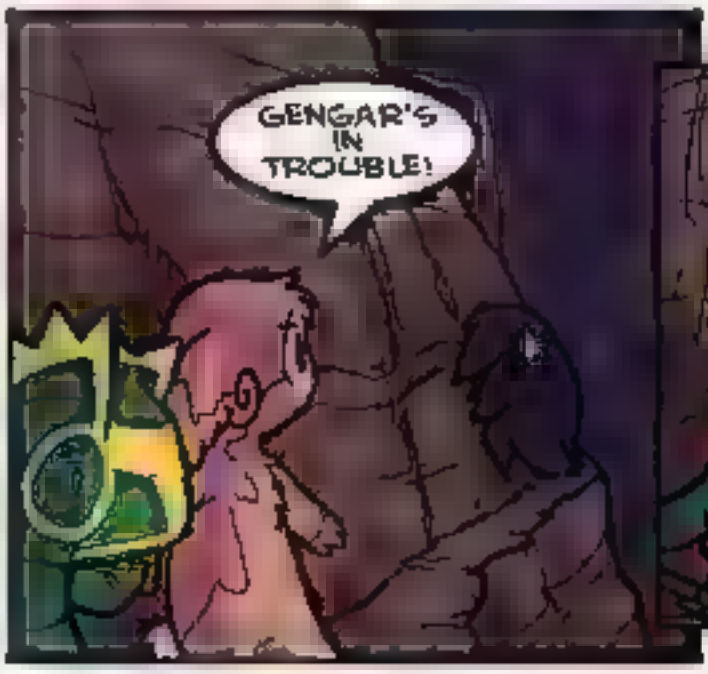
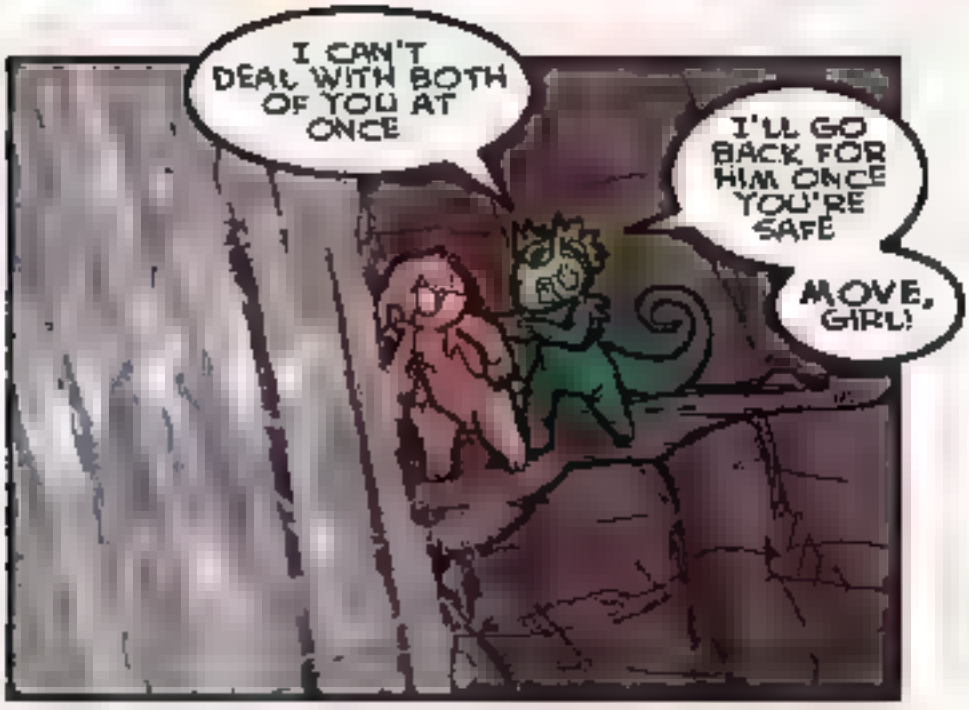
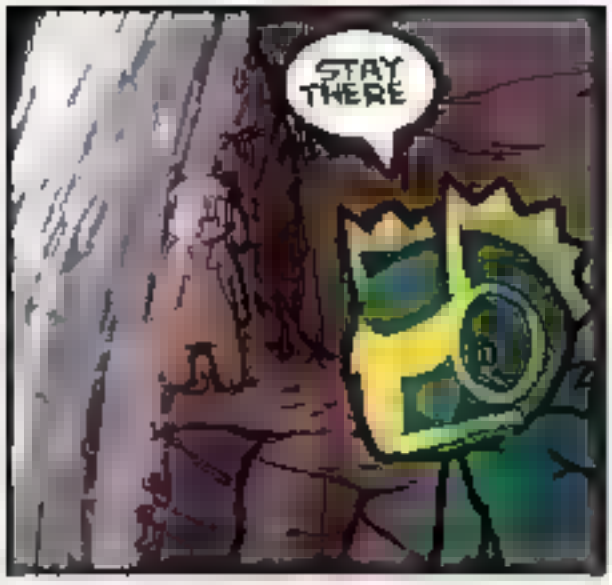
THIS IS NUTS
I'M NOT
I'VE NEVER BEEN SCARED OF HEIGHTS
YOU CREEPY JERK
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?


GENGAR'S IN TROUBLE!

NO! DON'T!
LET ME GO! I HAVE TO HELP HIM!

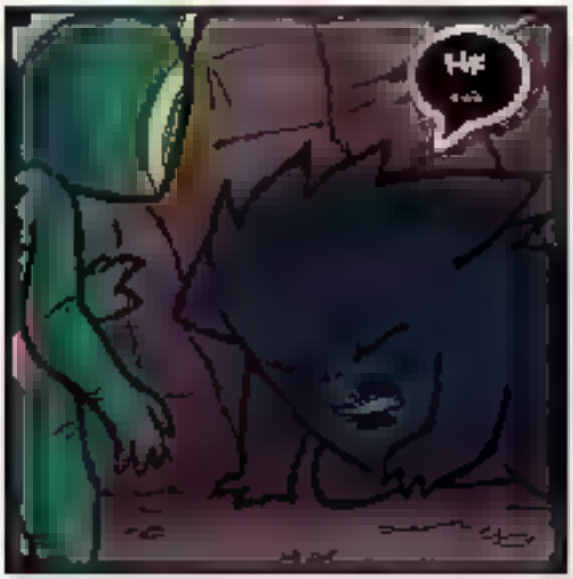
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HE WEIGHS MORE THAN YOU DO


I CAN'T DEAL WITH BOTH OF YOU AT ONCE
I'LL GO BACK FOR HIM ONCE YOU'RE SAFE
MOVE, GIRL!


STAY THERE

GENGAR, LISTEN. I CAN HELP YOU, BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
CLOSE YOUR EYES IT'LL MAKE IT EASIER
ALL RIGHT
DO EXACTLY AS I SAY
I WANT YOU TO MOVE YOUR RIGHT FOOT TOWARDS ME
GOOD. NOW THE OTHER ONE
KEEP GOING NOW
YOU'RE PAST THE NARROW PART
SLOWLY
KEEP GOING

-STEADY- YOU'RE ALL RIGHT-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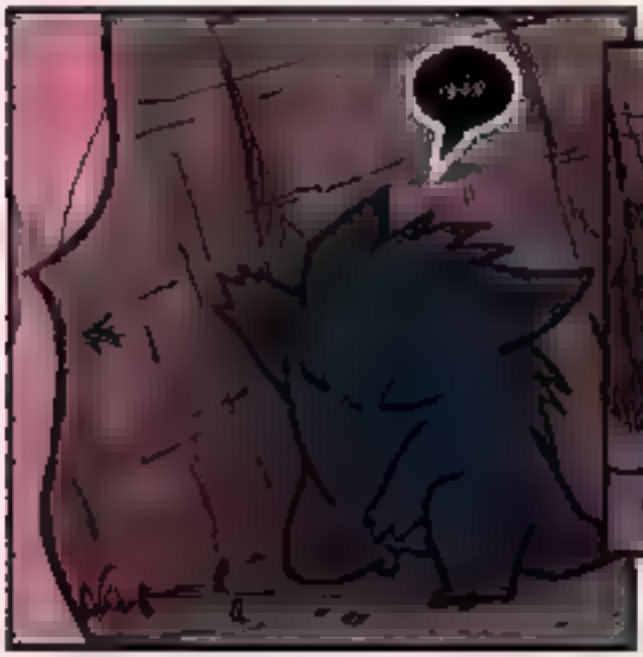
-GET OFF ME!

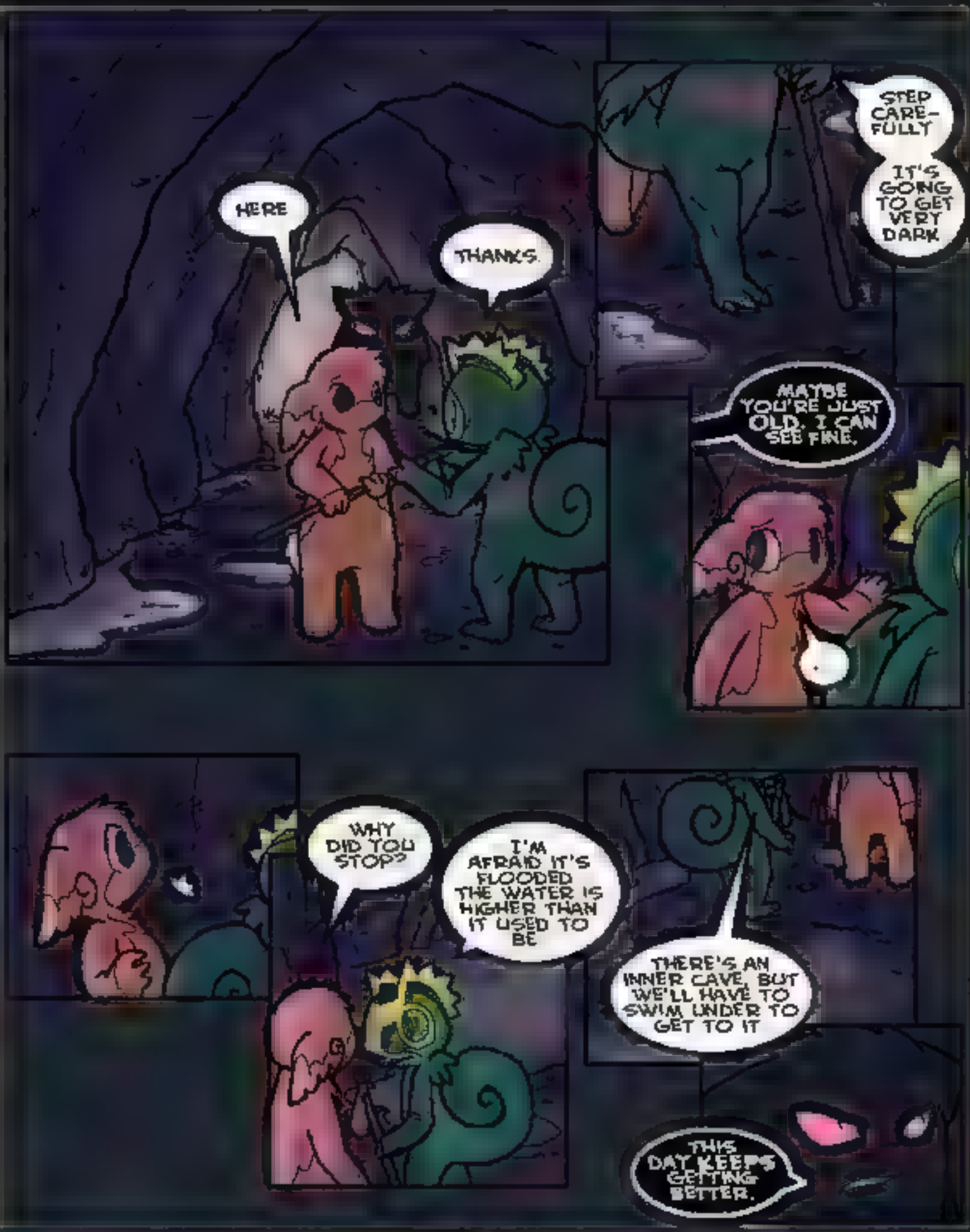
OH, HAVE IT YOUR WAY

LET'S GET INSIDE, OUT OF SIGHT
BRING MY STICK, WOULD YOU, JEN?

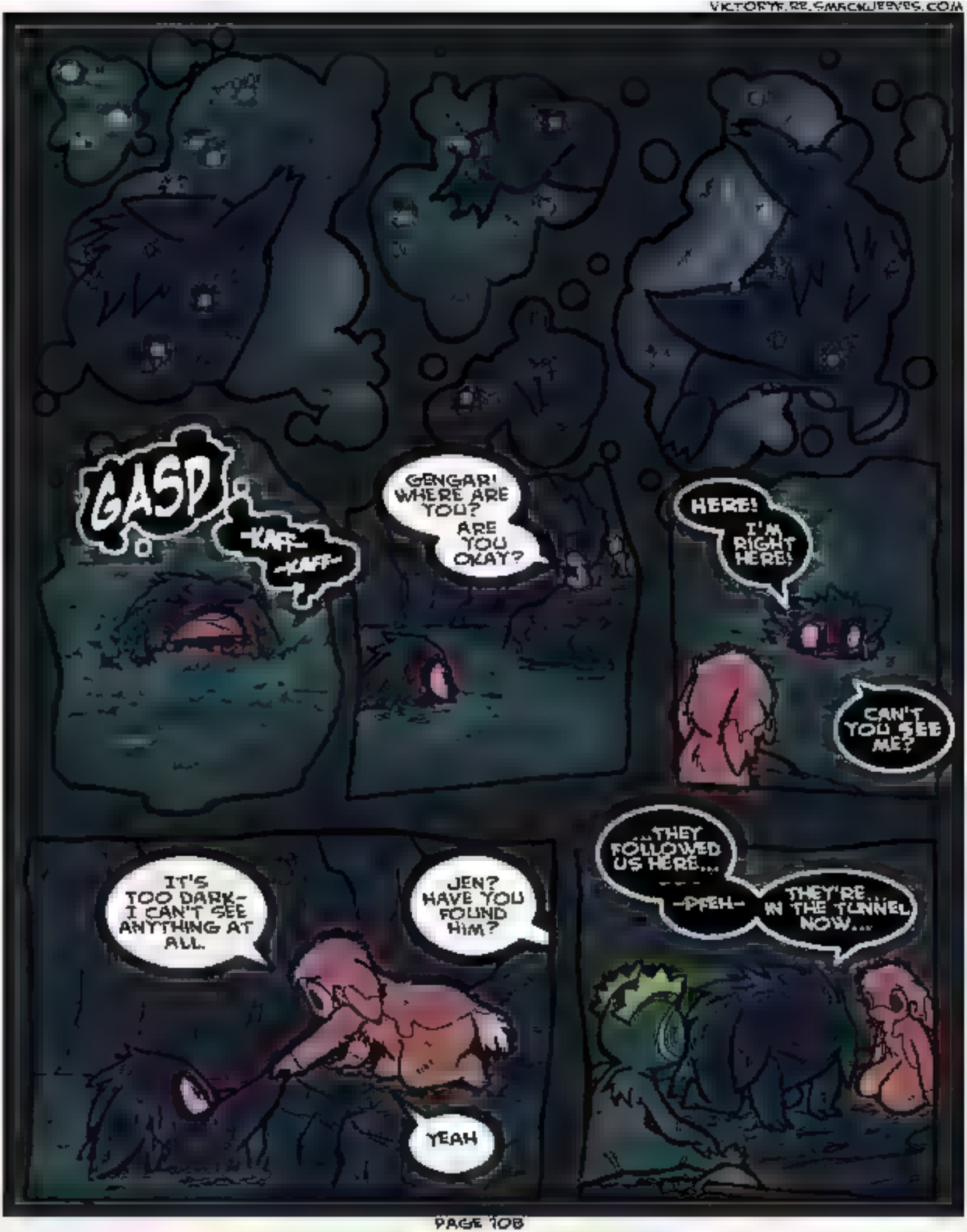


ARE YOU GOING TO COME?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

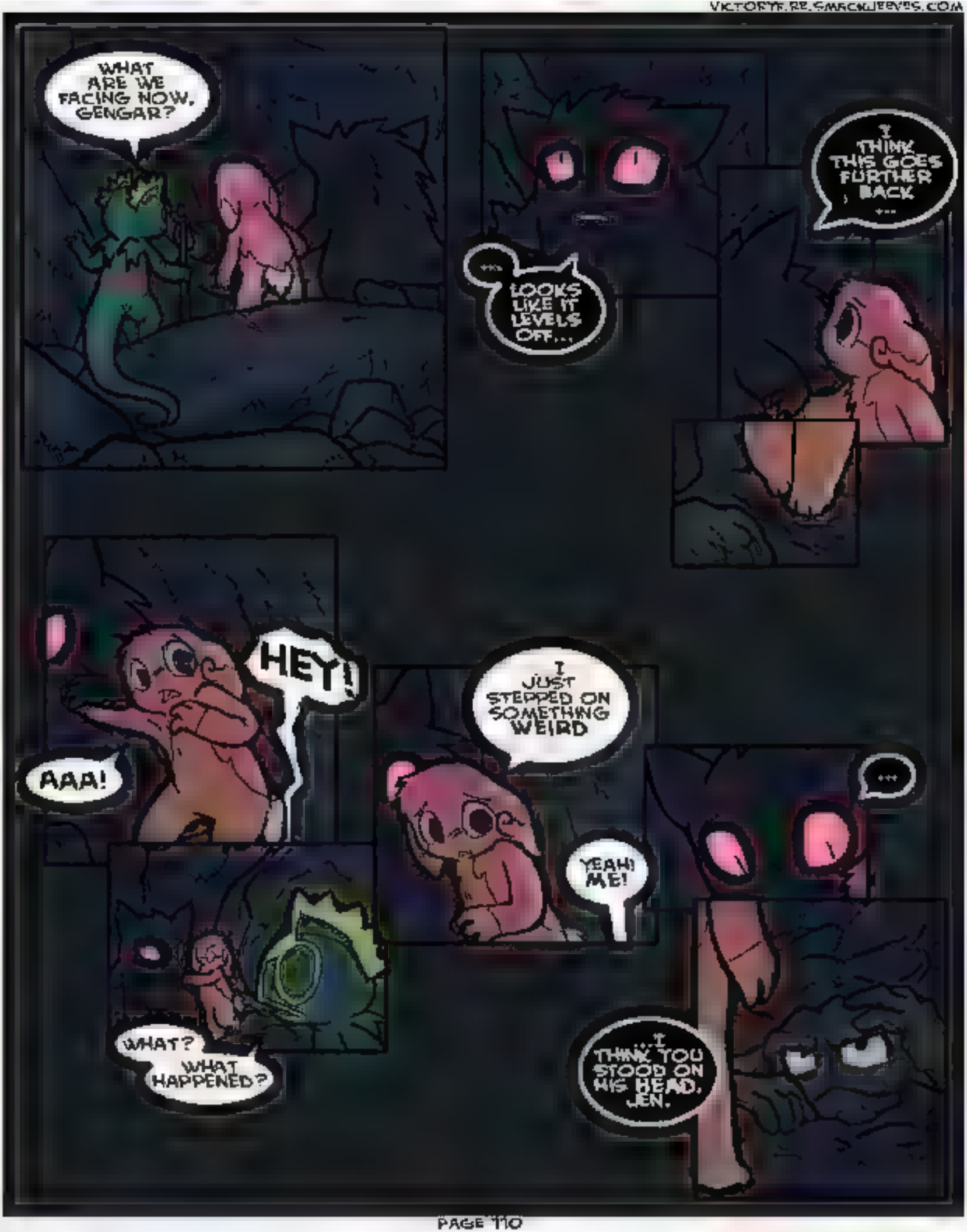
...DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'VE GOT MUCH CHOICE, DOES IT?

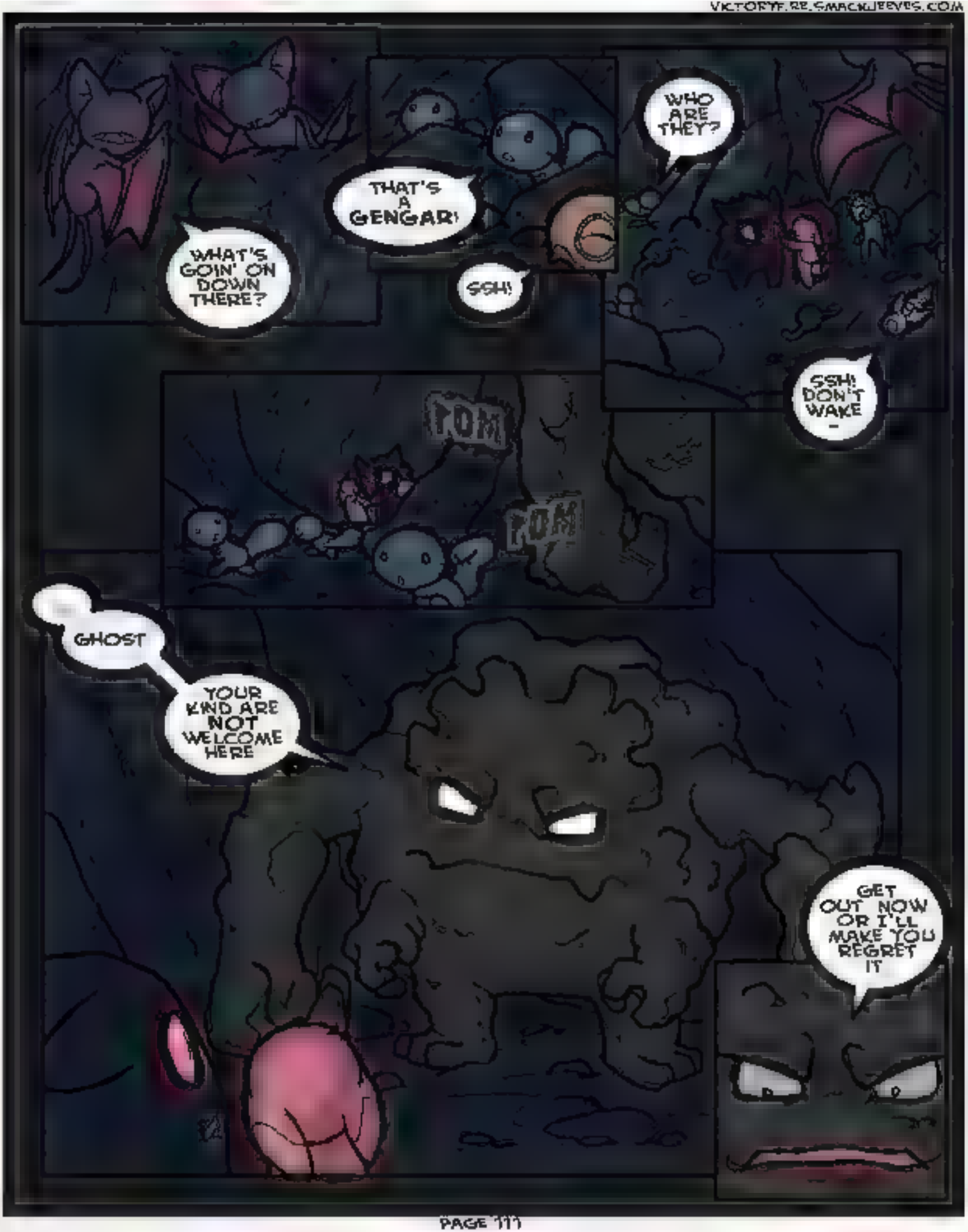

HERE
THANKS.
STEP CARE-FULLY
IT'S GOING TO GET VERY DARK
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST OLD. I CAN SEE FINE.
WHY DID YOU STOP?
I'M AFRAID IT'S FLOODED THE WATER IS HIGHER THAN IT USED TO BE
THERE'S AN INNER CAVE, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SWIM UNDER TO GET TO IT
THIS DAY KEEPS GETTING BETTER.

TAKE A FEW DEEP BREATHS, THEN DUCK UNDER
IT'S NOT FAR
EEE, COLD
HFF!
I HATE GETTING WET ...
OH, CRAP!


GASP
-KAFF-
-KAFF-
GENGAR! WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU OKAY?
HERE! I'M RIGHT HERE!
CAN'T YOU SEE ME?
IT'S TOO DARK- I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL.
JEN? HAVE YOU FOUND HIM?
YEAH
...THEY FOLLOWED US HERE...
-PFEH-
THEY'RE... IN THE TUNNEL NOW...

WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT
THEY WON'T GO UNDER THE WATER
YOU'RE SURE OF THAT, ARE YOU?
[illegible] YOU WERE KINDA WRONG ABOUT THEM NOT FOLLOWING US!
COULD YOU STOP BEING SO AGGRESSIVE?
COULD YOU STOP BEING A DICK?
STOP, OKAY?
JUST STOP FIGHTING NOW
PLEASE?
...
IT'S COLD
LET'S GET AWAY FROM THE WATER
GENGAR, WE COULD USE YOUR EYES IN HERE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP.
... RIGHT.


WHAT ARE WE FACING NOW, GENGAR?
...
LOOKS LIKE IT LEVELS OFF...
I THINK THIS GOES FURTHER BACK...
HEY!
AAA!
I JUST STEPPED ON SOMETHING WEIRD
...
YEAH! ME!
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
...I THINK YOU STOOD ON HIS HEAD, JEN.

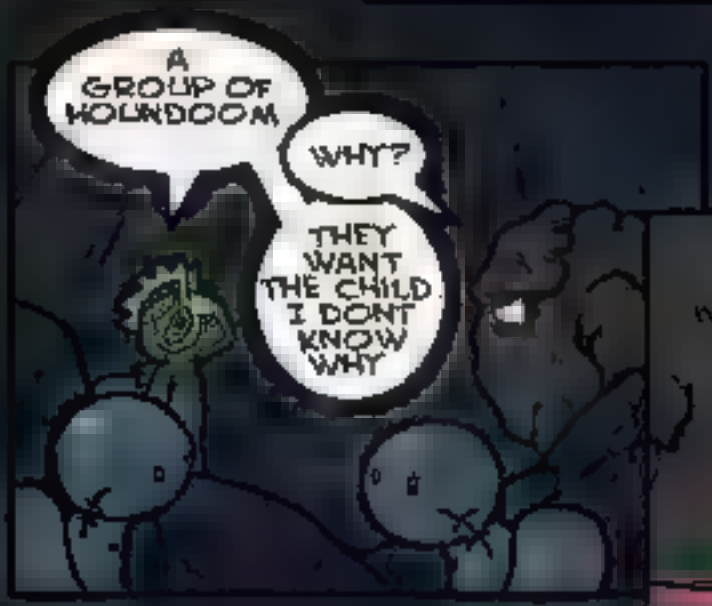

WHAT'S GOIN' ON DOWN THERE?
THAT'S A GENGAR!
SSH!
WHO ARE THEY?
SSH! DON'T WAKE -
POM
POM
GHOST
YOUR KIND ARE NOT WELCOME HERE
GET OUT NOW OR I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT

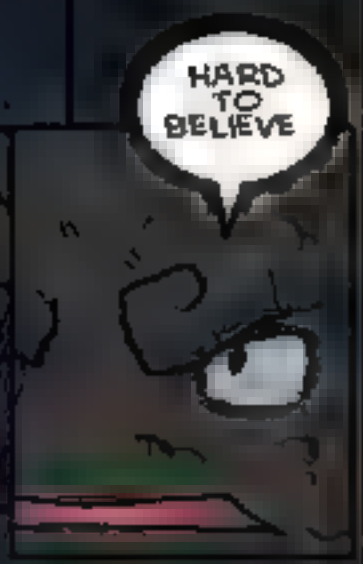
NOW JUST WAIT A MOMENT!

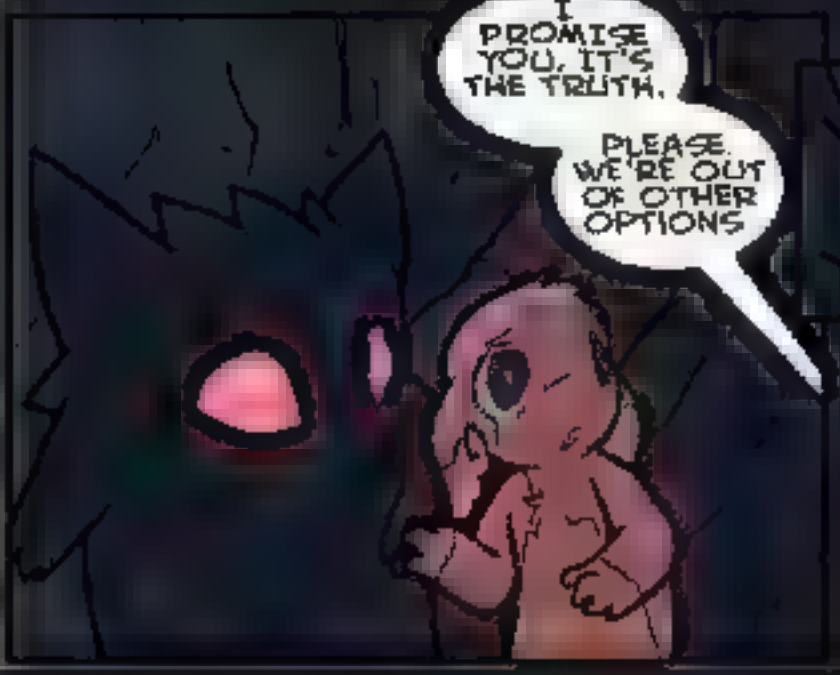
WE'RE NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.
WE'RE BEING PURSUED, AND WE NEED A REFUGE

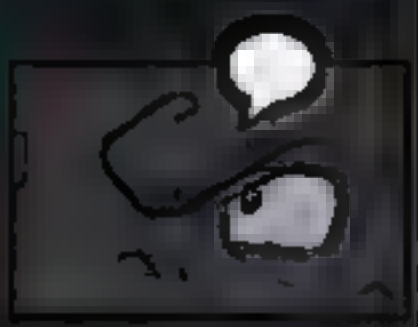
THE GENGAR IS A FRIEND AND ALLY, AND HE'LL HARM NOBODY HERE.

WHO'S AFTER YOU?

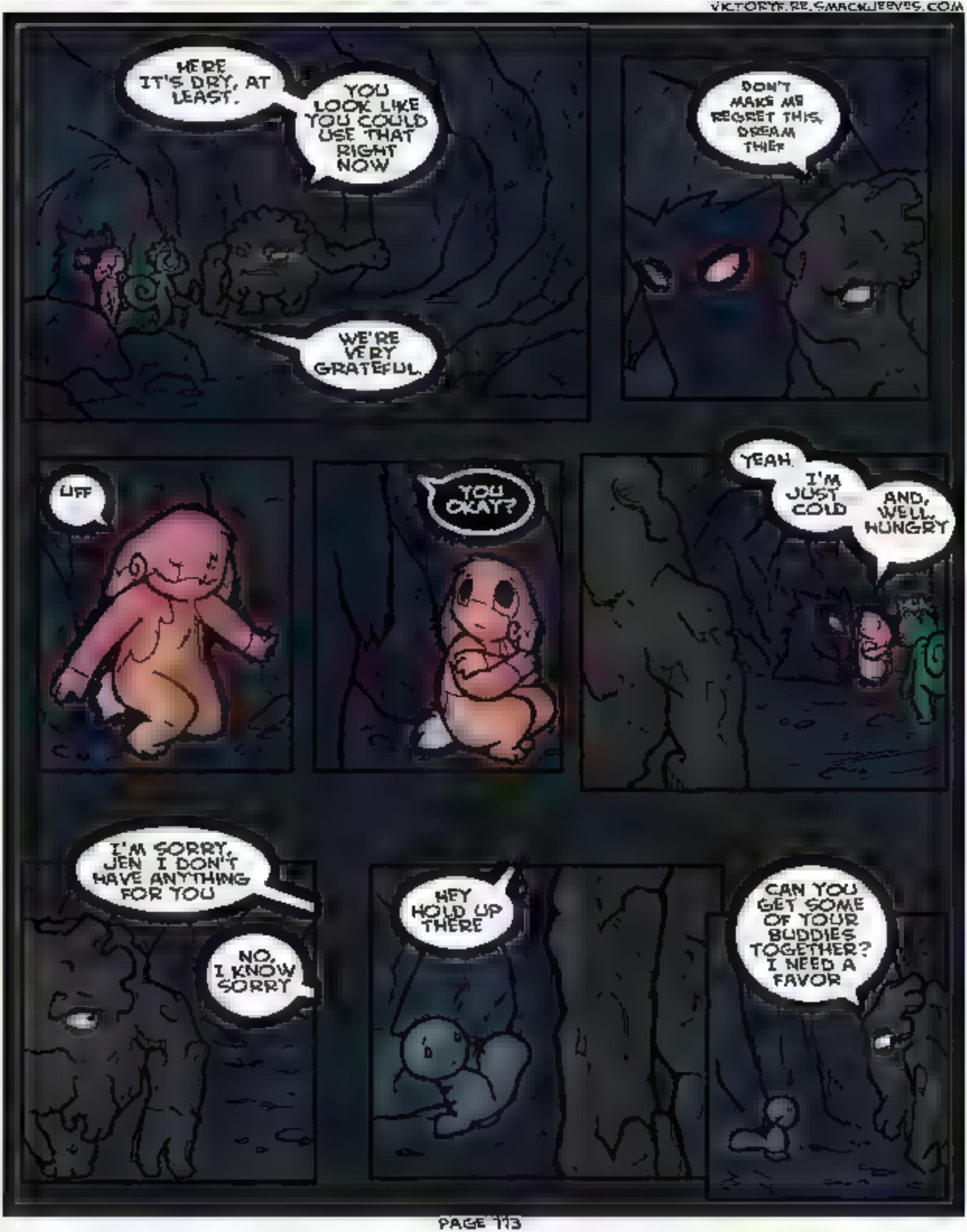

A GROUP OF HOUNDOOM.
WHY?
THEY WANT THE CHILD. I DONT KNOW WHY


HARD TO BELIEVE


I PROMISE YOU, IT'S THE TRUTH.
PLEASE. WE'RE OUT OF OTHER OPTIONS



YOU BETTER KEEP HIM ON A SHORT LEASH


HERE IT'S DRY, AT LEAST.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE THAT RIGHT NOW
WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL.
DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS, DREAM THIEF
UFF
YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
I'M JUST COLD
AND, WELL, HUNGRY
I'M SORRY, JEN I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU
NO, I KNOW SORRY
HEY HOLD UP THERE
CAN YOU GET SOME OF YOUR BUDDIES TOGETHER? I NEED A FAVOR

HE WAS REALLY RUDE TO YOU!
KEH, JUST ANOTHER IDIOT, I DON'T CARE.

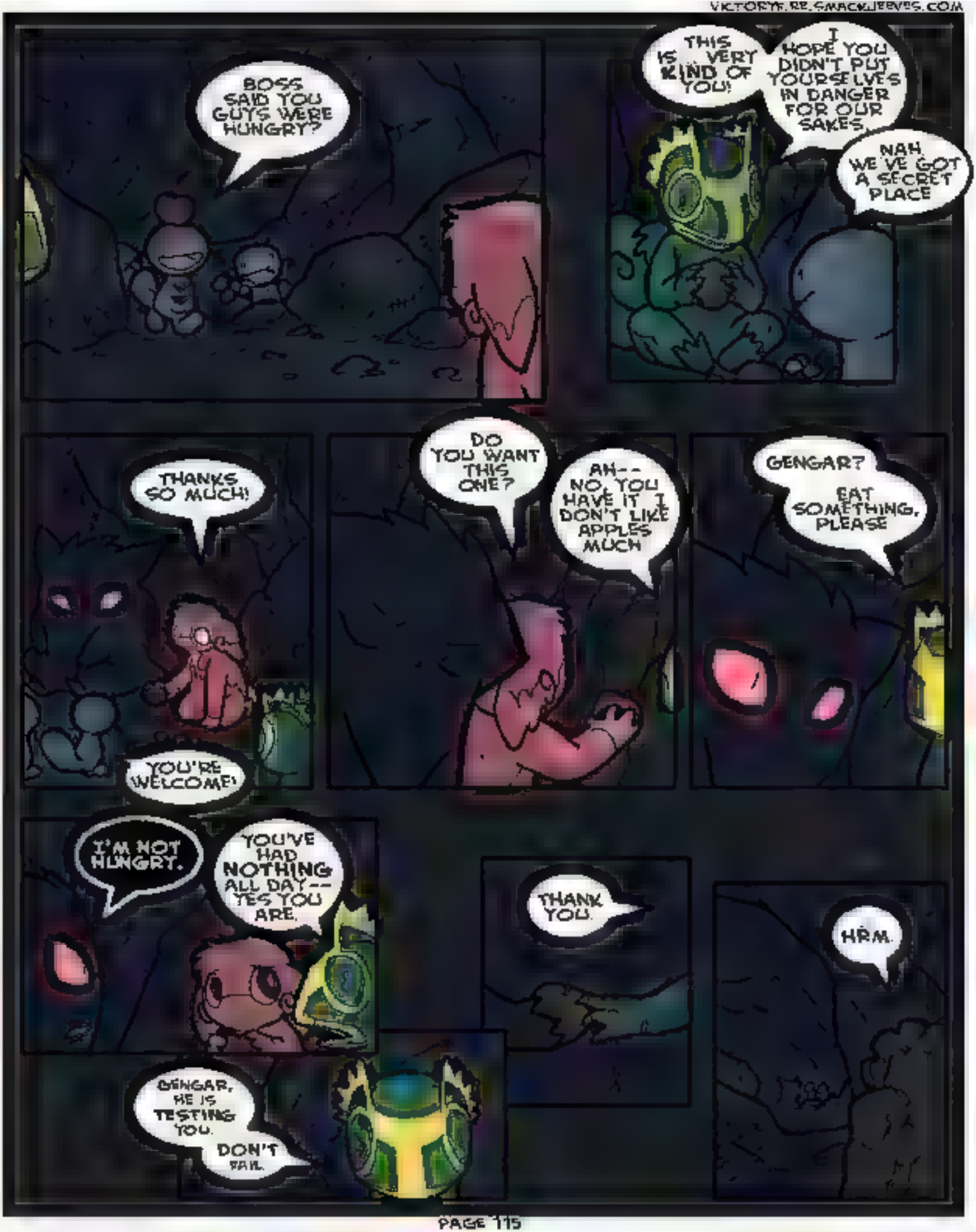
HE WAS JUST BEING CAUTIOUS.
THIS IS A ROUGH PART OF THE WORLD

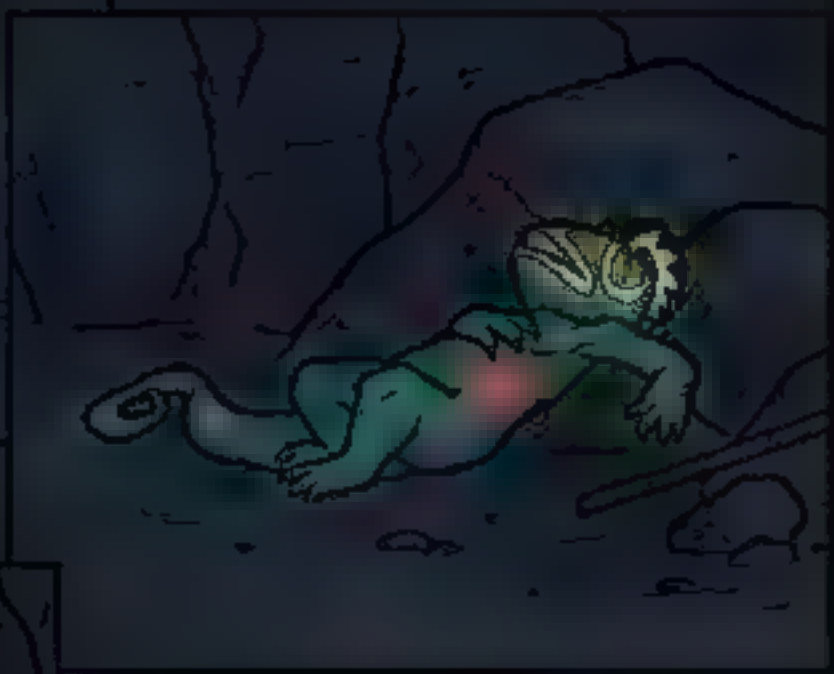
WHAT DID HE THINK GENGAR WAS GOING TO DO?

STEAL DREAMS.
PREY ON PEOPLE WHO ARE SLEEPING
GENGAR'S KIND HAVE A BAD REPUTATION, ESPECIALLY OUT HERE IN THE DEEP WILDS
AND I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S OFTEN DESERVED.
NOT IN THIS CASE, OF COURSE-- BUT HE HAD NO WAY TO KNOW THAT

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S DOING IT....
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
NO, NOTHING.

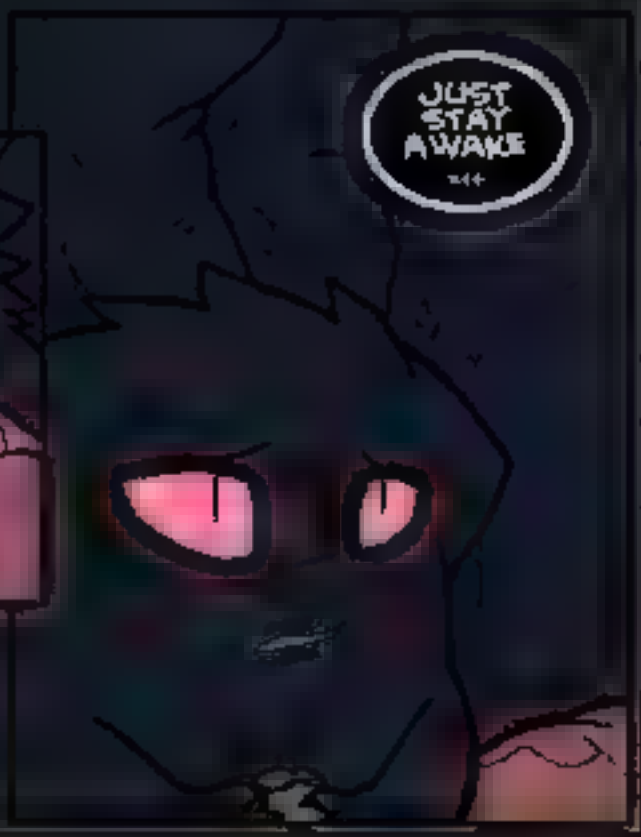
HEY, WE GOT SOME STUFF FOR YA!


BOSS SAID YOU GUYS WERE HUNGRY?
THIS IS VERY KIND OF YOU!
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T PUT YOURSELVES IN DANGER FOR OUR SAKES.
NAH. WE'VE GOT A SECRET PLACE
THANKS SO MUCH!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
DO YOU WANT THIS ONE?
AH-- NO, YOU HAVE IT. I DON'T LIKE APPLES MUCH
GENGAR?
EAT SOMETHING, PLEASE
I'M NOT HUNGRY.
YOU'VE HAD NOTHING ALL DAY-- YES YOU ARE.
GENGAR, HE IS TESTING YOU.
DON'T FAIL.
THANK YOU.
HRM.

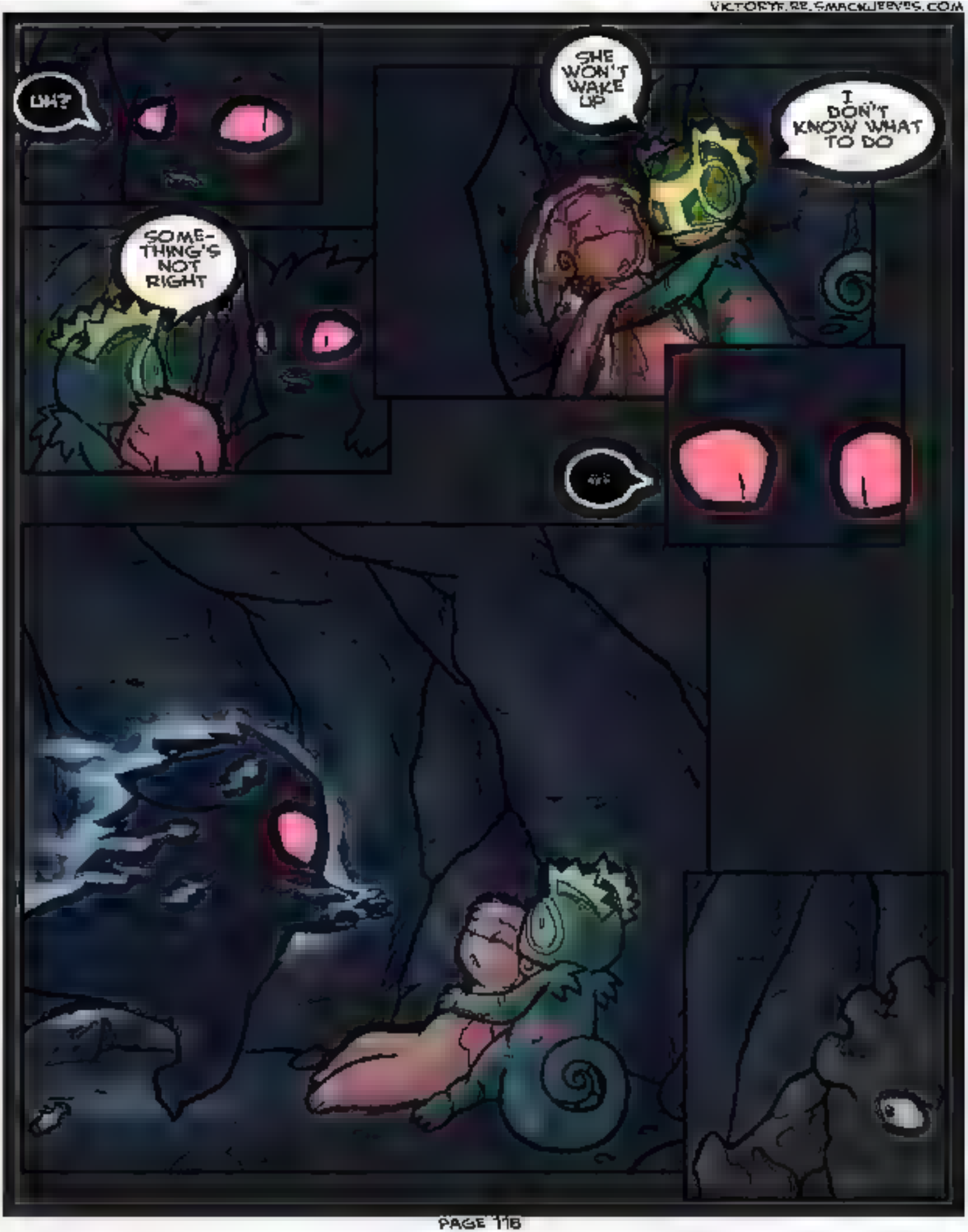


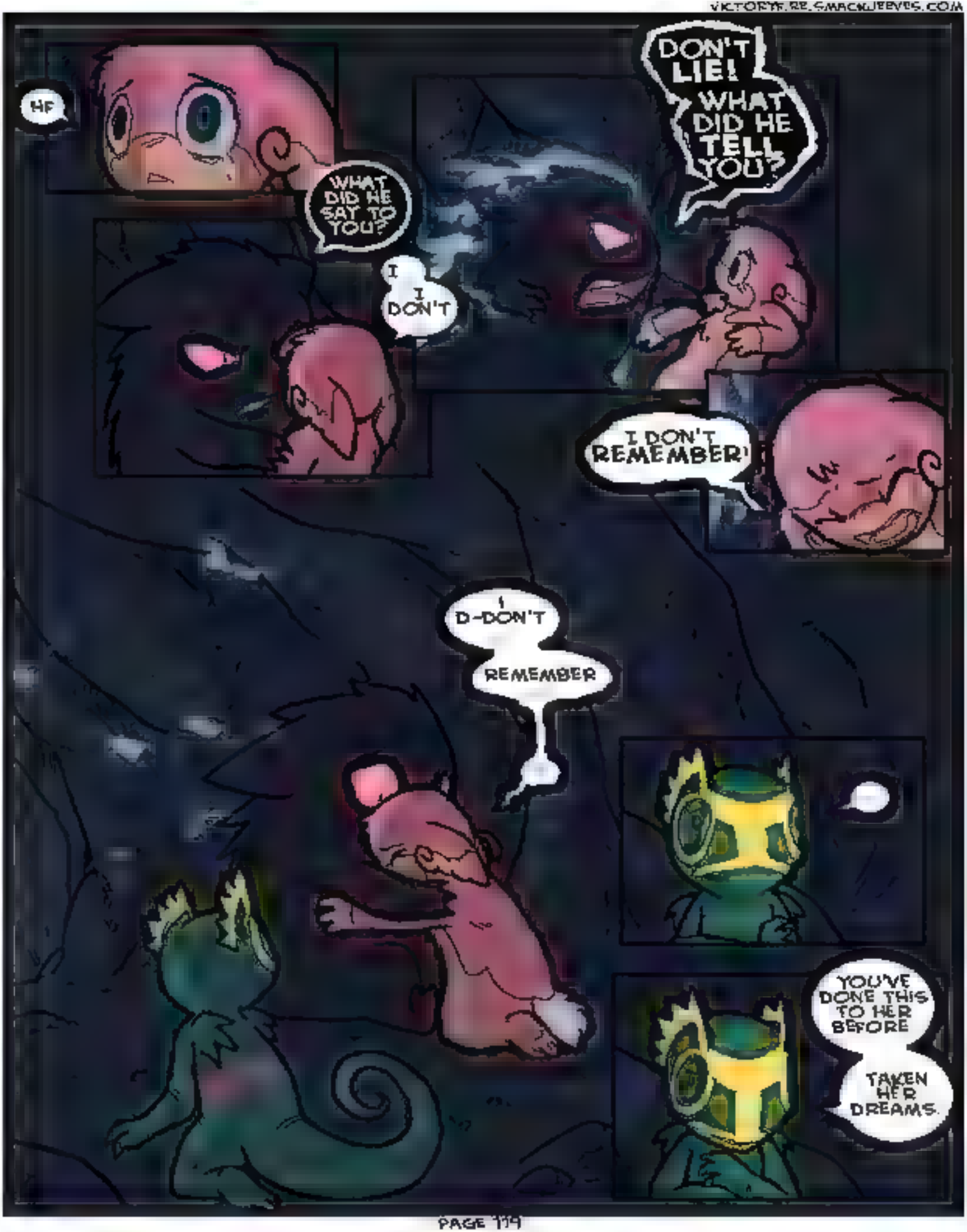
I CAN DO THIS.

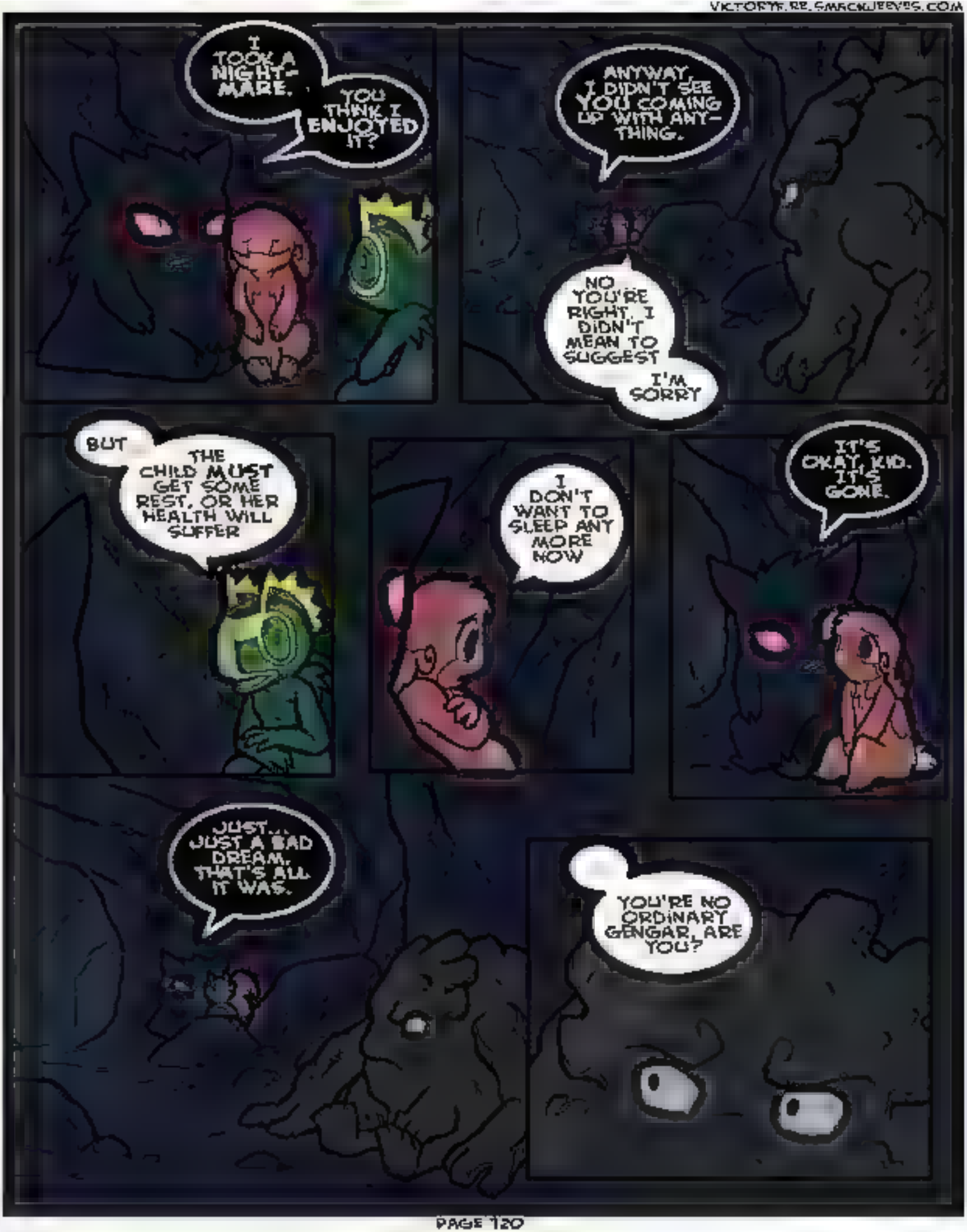
STAY AWAKE.
C'MON.

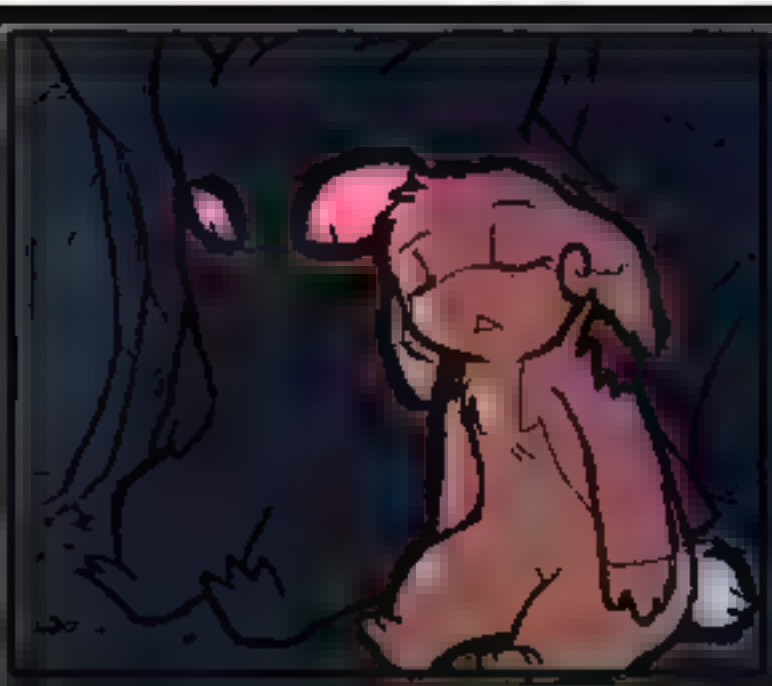

JUST STAY AWAKE

NN
JEN?
JEN
JEN, WAKE UP


UH?
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT
SHE WON'T WAKE UP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO


HF
WHAT DID HE SAY TO YOU?
I
I DON'T
DON'T LIE! WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?
I DON'T REMEMBER!
I
D-DON'T
REMEMBER
YOU'VE DONE THIS TO HER BEFORE
TAKEN HER DREAMS.


I TOOK A NIGHT-MARE.
YOU THINK I ENJOYED IT?
ANYWAY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU COMING UP WITH ANY-THING.
NO YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SUGGEST
I'M SORRY
BUT
THE CHILD MUST GET SOME REST, OR HER HEALTH WILL SUFFER
I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP ANY MORE NOW
IT'S OKAY, KID. IT'S GONE.
JUST... JUST A BAD DREAM. THAT'S ALL IT WAS.
YOU'RE NO ORDINARY GENGAR, ARE YOU?



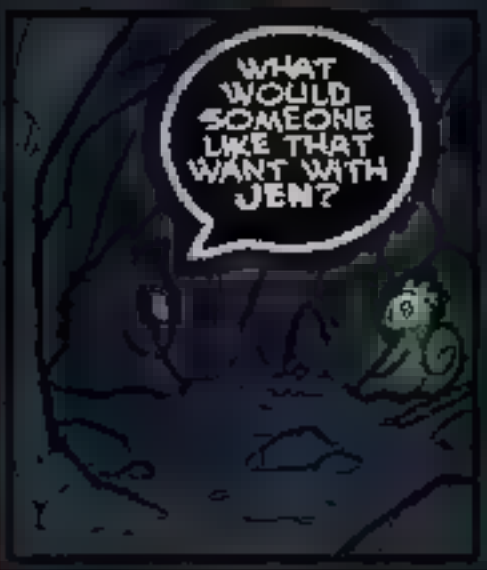
WHO IS DARKRAI?

WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT NAME?
ANSWER THE QUESTION.

I CAN'T
I DON'T KNOW NOBODY REALLY KNOWS

DARKRAI ... APPEARED, SOME YEARS AGO, IN CONNECTION WITH SOME VERY STRANGE EVENTS.
HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE
I SUSPECT WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE FULL TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED
WE DO KNOW THAT DARKRAI IS VERY, VERY CLEVER
A MASTER MANIPULATOR A TALENTED LIAR

AND EVIL, IN A WAY WE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

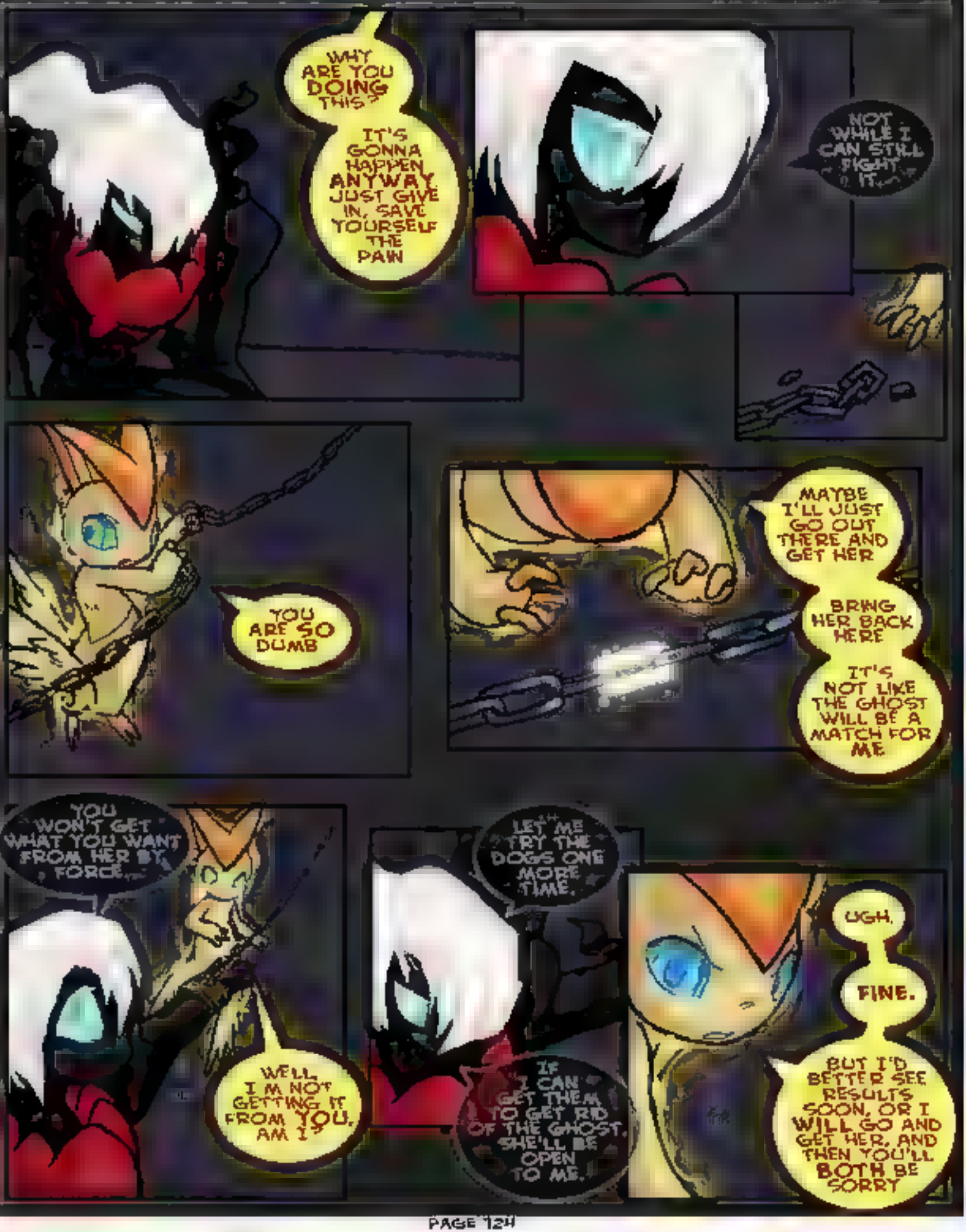

WHAT WOULD SOMEONE LIKE THAT WANT WITH JEN?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE IS?

DO YOU?

NO!
NOT AGAIN
THREE DAYS, I THINK WE SAID?
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE THIS TIME?
OH DON'T YOU GO FAINTING ON ME I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU
YOU'RE STALLING, AREN'T YOU?

...THE GHOST...
HE CAN SENSE ME SOMEHOW
I'M TRYING
LYING
I DON'T LIE!
OH, YOU WANT TO FIGHT?
COME ON, FIGHT ME I'M RIGHT HERE
COME ON, BIG SHOT, LET'S SEE YOU MAKE A MOVE
ANYTHING WILL DO.
NO.
PAAH! YOU ARE SO BORING
YOU'RE GOING TO REVERT, YOU KNOW
IT'S ALREADY STARTING TO HAPPEN


WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
IT'S GONNA HAPPEN ANYWAY. JUST GIVE IN, SAVE YOURSELF THE PAIN
NOT WHILE I CAN STILL FIGHT IT.
YOU ARE SO DUMB
MAYBE I'LL JUST GO OUT THERE AND GET HER
BRING HER BACK HERE
IT'S NOT LIKE THE GHOST WILL BE A MATCH FOR ME
YOU WON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT FROM HER BY FORCE...
WELL, I'M NOT GETTING IT FROM YOU, AM I?
LET ME TRY THE DOGS ONE MORE TIME.
IF I CAN GET THEM TO GET RID OF THE GHOST, SHE'LL BE OPEN TO ME.
UGH.
FINE.
BUT I'D BETTER SEE RESULTS SOON, OR I WILL GO AND GET HER, AND THEN YOU'LL BOTH BE SORRY

YEAH, THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE, BOSS.
DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE INCLINED TO MOVE ANYTIME SOON

HEY WAKE UP
HN?

SH.
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU

THIS WAY

IF I'D KNOW LAST NIGHT WHO YOUR ENEMY REALLY WAS, I WOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU STAY
I WANT NO QUARREL WITH THAT ONE

I'M SORRY
THE CHILD DOESN'T KNOW I DIDN'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN HER.
SHE'S HAD A ROUGH TIME AS IT IS.

WHAT HAS A LITTLE THING LIKE HER DONE TO ANGER THE NIGHTMARE KING?

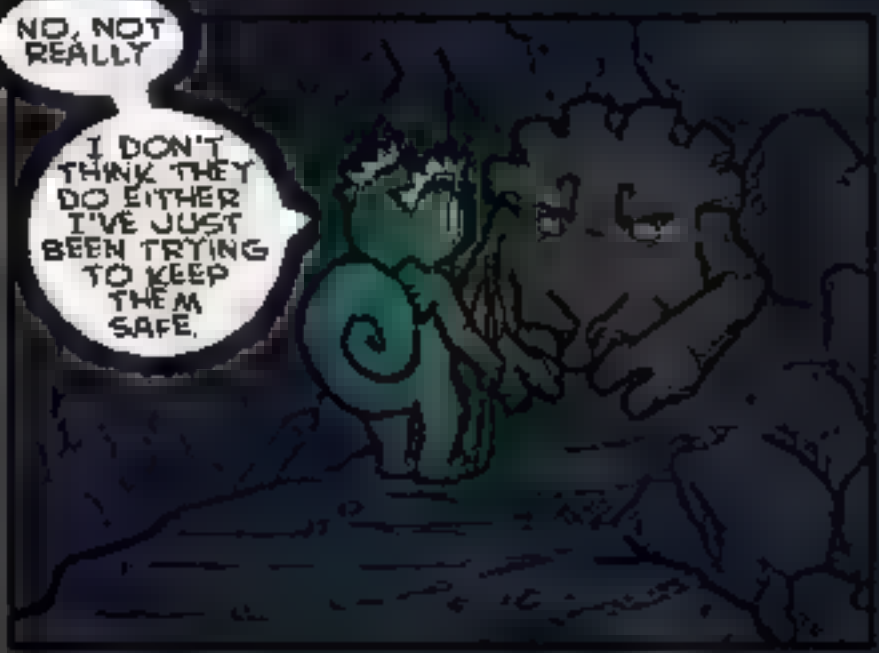
THAT. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW I WASN'T EVEN SURE IT WAS HIM LAST NIGHT, UNTIL
THE GHOST
YES.

YOU NEED TO LEAVE HERE STRAIGHT AWAY

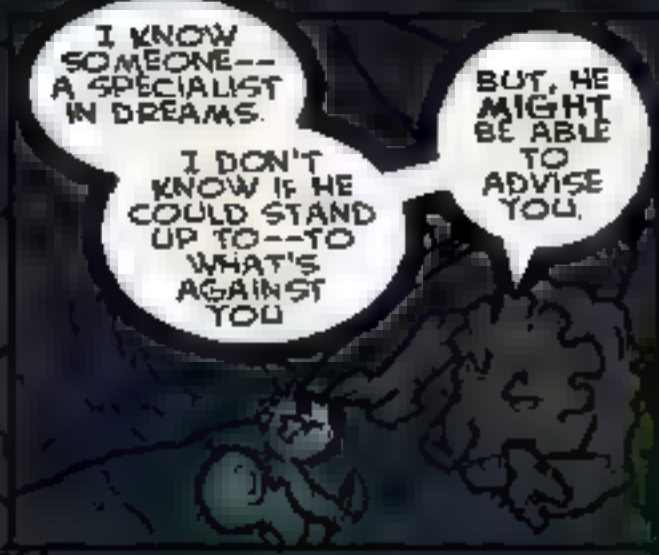
IT- IT'S NOT FOR OUR SAKES.
THE CLIFF PATH ISN'T THE ONLY WAY IN HERE

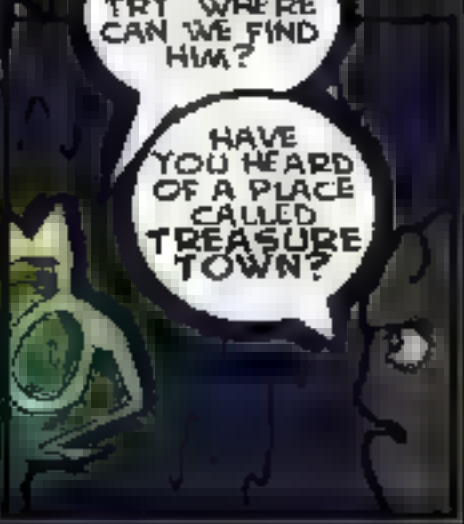
THEY'LL FIND OTHERS. IF THEY LOOK. YOU MUSTN'T BE TRAPPED HERE
I SEE.

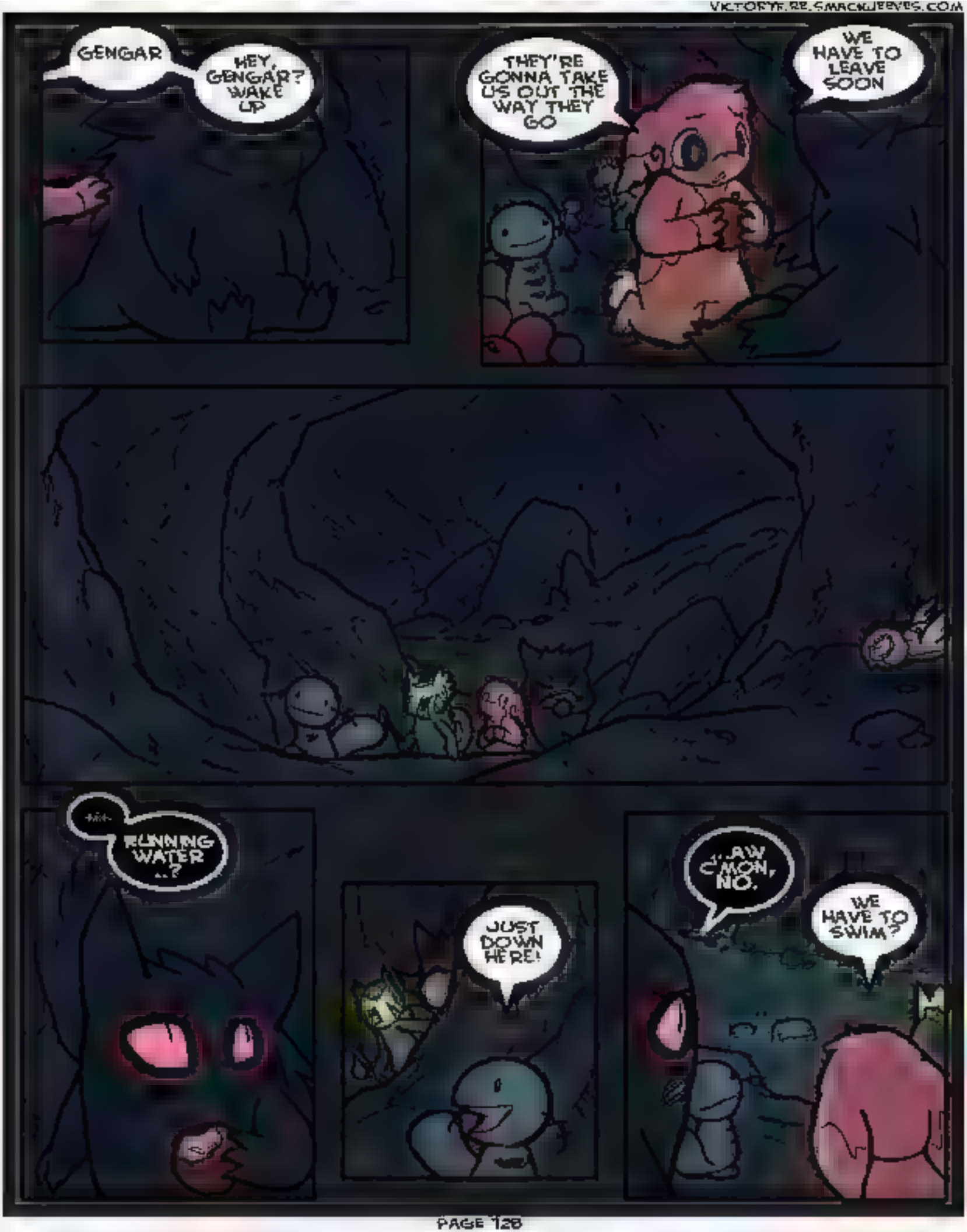
DO YOU HAVE A DESTINATION IN MIND?


NO, NOT REALLY
I DON'T THINK THEY DO EITHER I'VE JUST BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THEM SAFE.

LISTEN. MAYBE I CAN HELP THERE

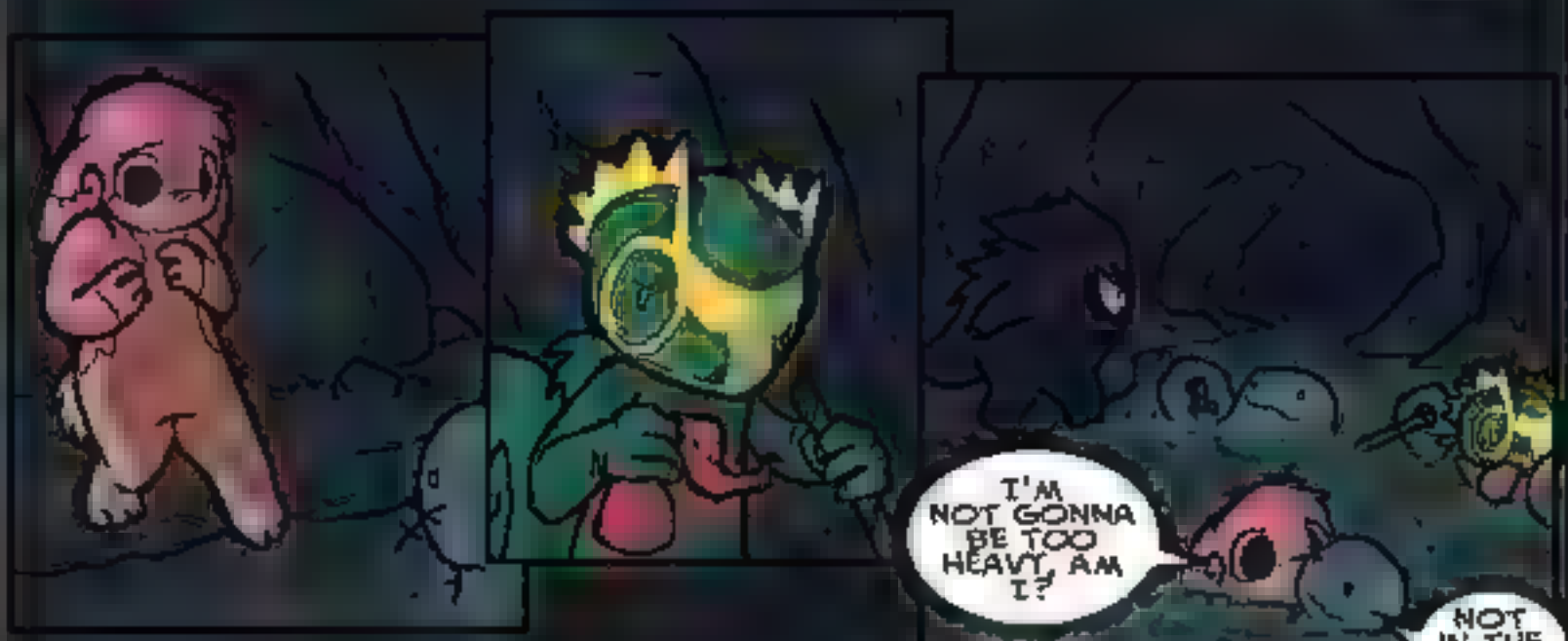

I KNOW SOMEONE-- A SPECIALIST IN DREAMS.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE COULD STAND UP TO--TO WHAT'S AGAINST YOU
BUT, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU.

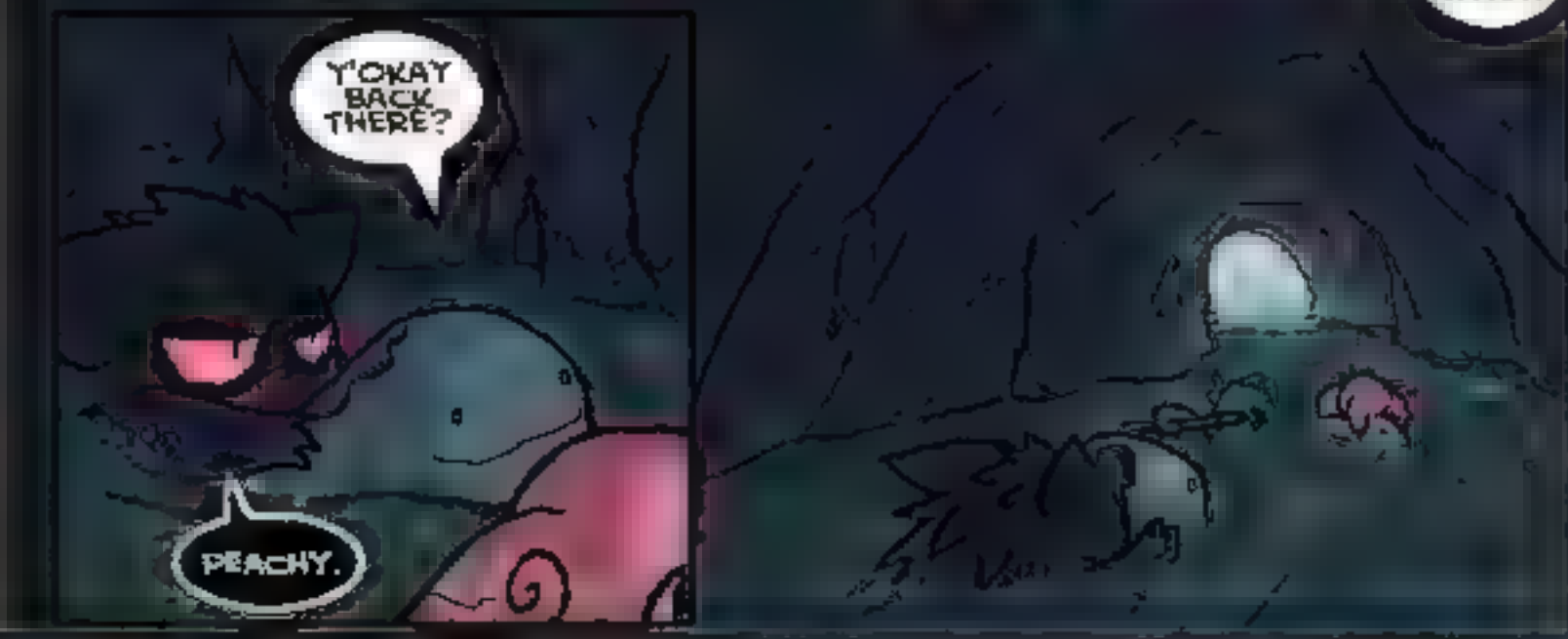

IT'S WORTH A TRY WHERE CAN WE FIND HIM?
HAVE YOU HEARD OF A PLACE CALLED TREASURE TOWN?

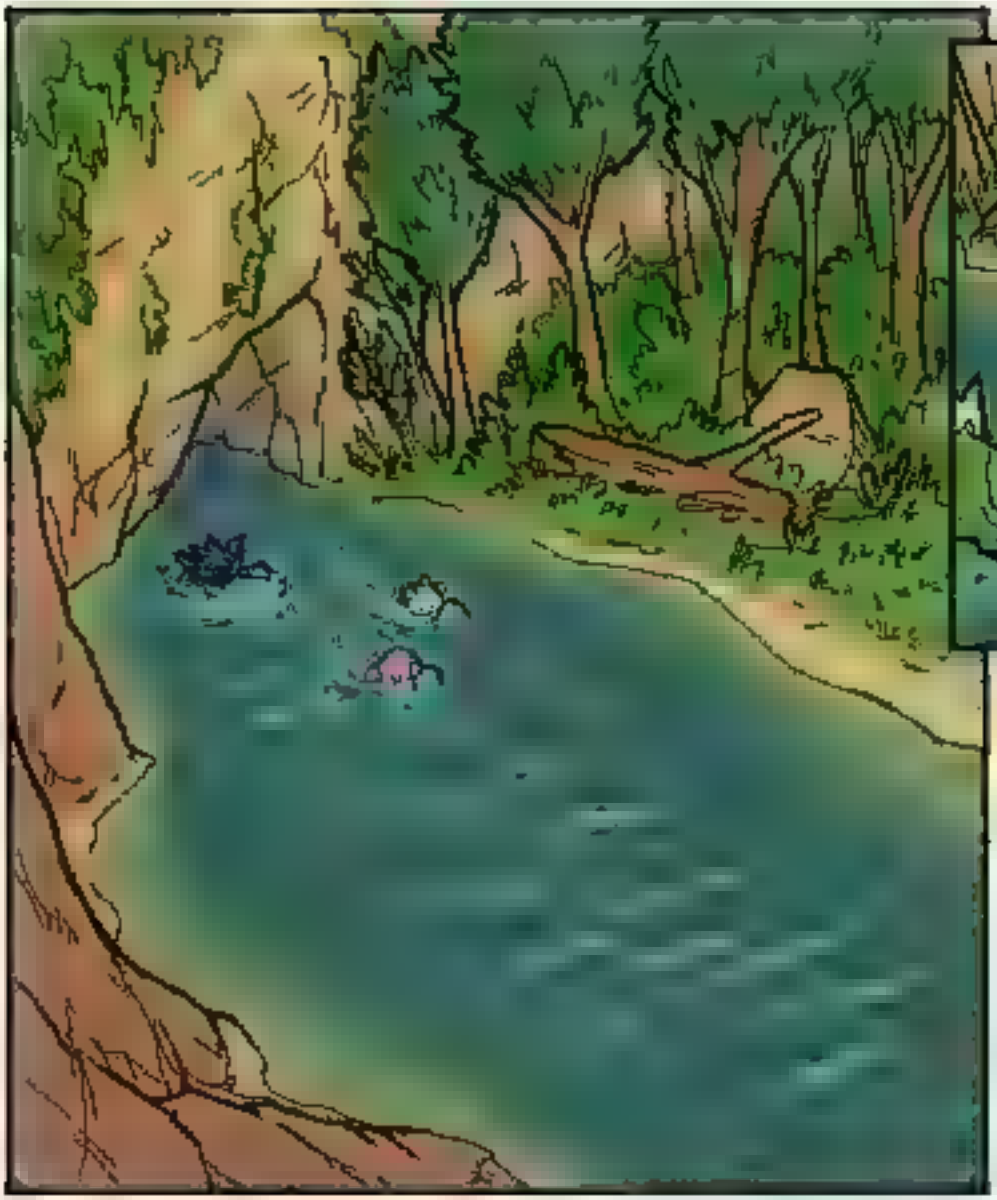

GENGAR
HEY, GENGAR? WAKE UP
THEY'RE GONNA TAKE US OUT THE WAY THEY GO
WE HAVE TO LEAVE SOON
RUNNING WATER ..?
JUST DOWN HERE!
..AW C'MON, NO.
WE HAVE TO SWIM?

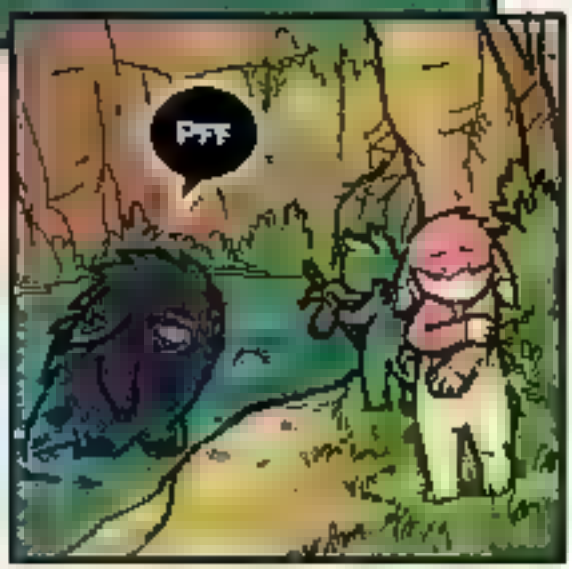
SO I TAKE IT YOU SET THIS UP?
GREAT! A NICE COLD UNDERGROUND SWIM!
THANKS A LOT!
YOU'RE.
WELCOME.

OH, NO, THAT'S NO PROBLEM WE'LL GIVE YA A TOW
JUMP IN, GRAB ON!


I'M NOT GONNA BE TOO HEAVY, AM I?
NOT IN THE WATER


Y'OKAY BACK THERE?
PEACHY.

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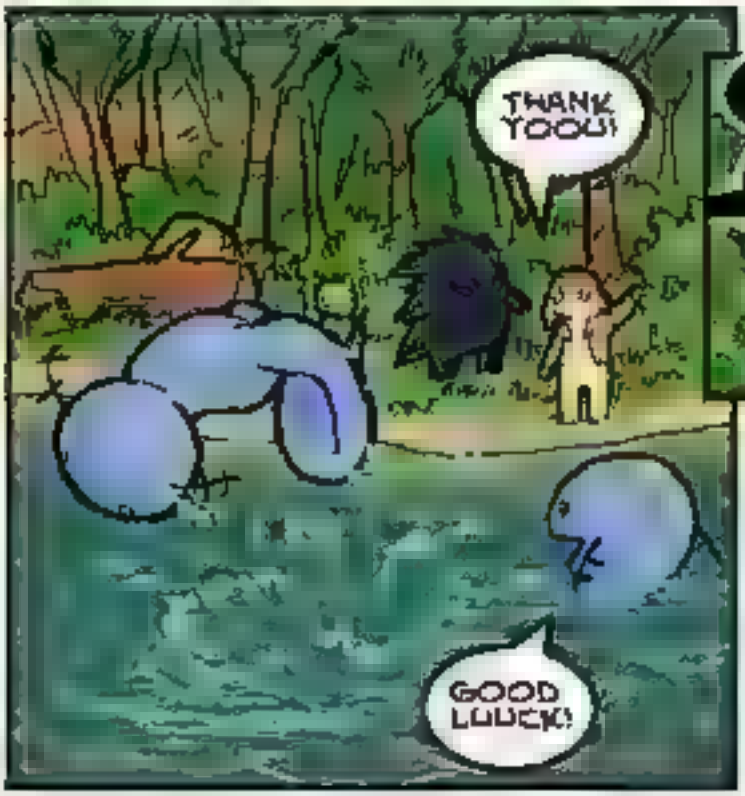
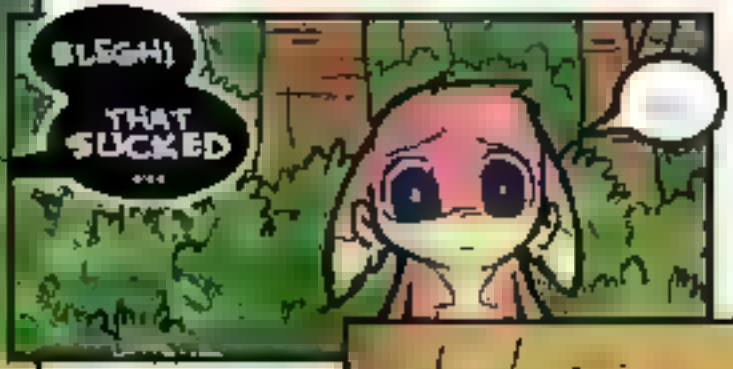
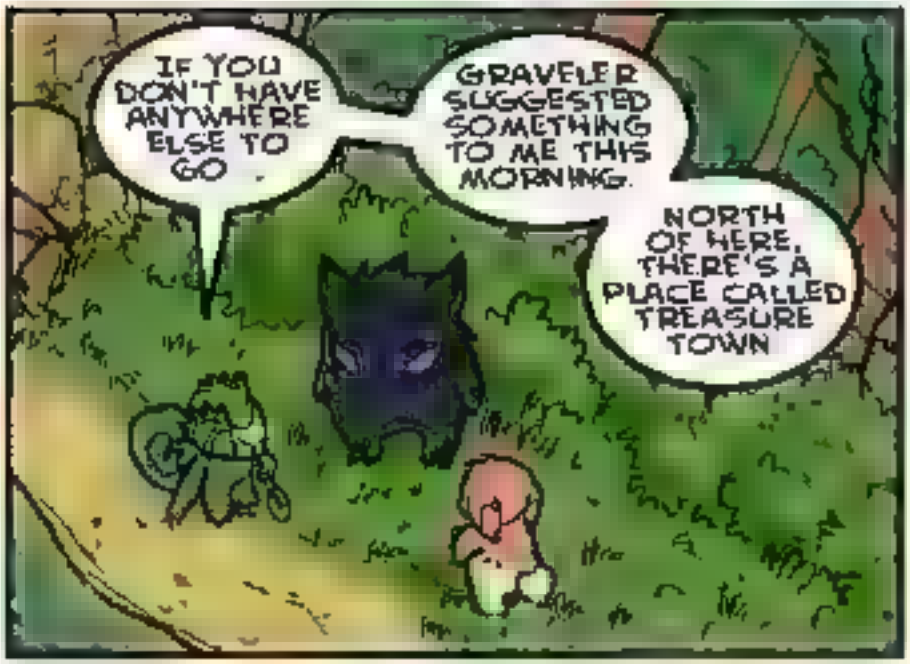

THANK YOOU!
GOOD LUUCK!


BLEGH! THAT SUCKED ...

SO
I GUESS, XATU DIDN'T WORK OUT

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT DREAM YOU HAD LAST NIGHT


IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO
GRAVELER SUGGESTED SOMETHING TO ME THIS MORNING.
NORTH OF HERE, THERE'S A PLACE CALLED TREASURE TOWN

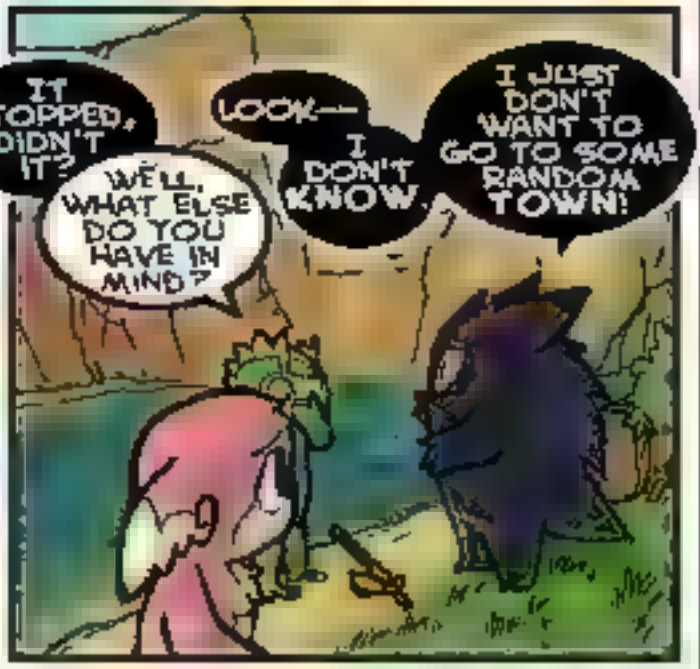
HE HAS AN OLD FRIEND THERE WHO KNOWS A LOT ABOUT DREAMS.
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

KEH! WHY GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE?
JUST FOR A DUMB DREAM.

WE ALL KNOW IT WASN'T JUST A DREAM

WE DON'T KNOW IT'S NOT!
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE, AFTER LAST NIGHT?

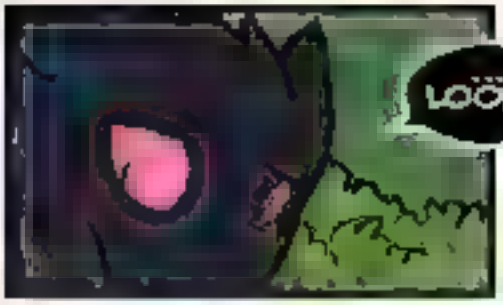
NOTHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT.
GENGAR


IT STOPPED, DIDN'T IT?
WELL, WHAT ELSE DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
LOOK— I DON'T KNOW.
I JUST DON'T WANT TO GO TO SOME RANDOM TOWN!

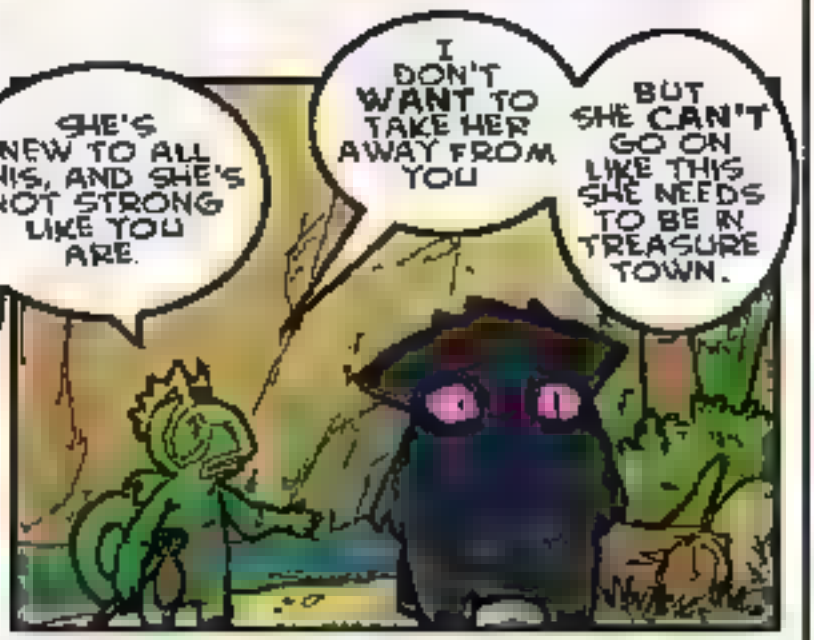
OF COURSE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
WHAT WILL YOU DO--GO BACK SOUTH?

WE WERE DOING OKAY UNTIL YOU SHOWED UP..

BEFORE YOU DECIDE, WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?
LOOK AT HER


...
LOOK?

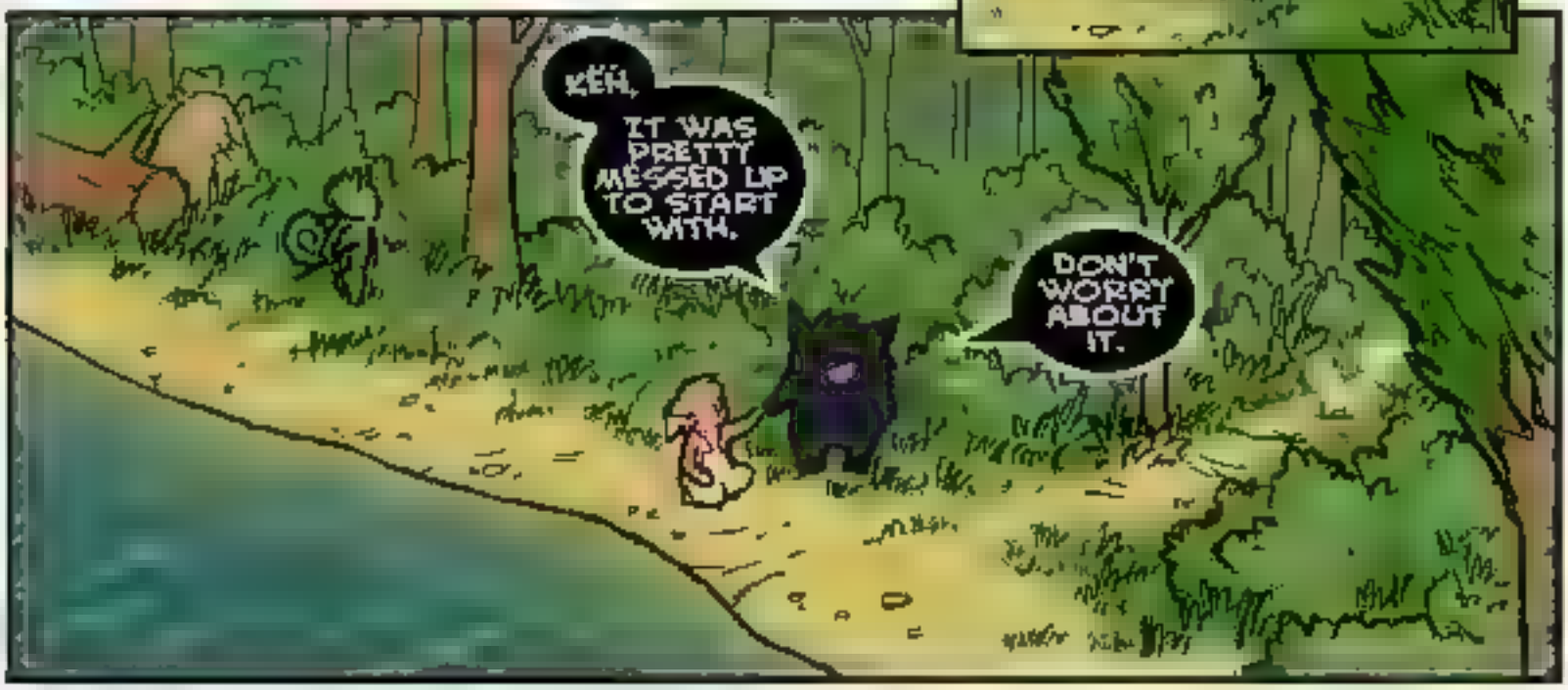
DO YOU SEE IT?
SHE'S TIRED, GENGAR

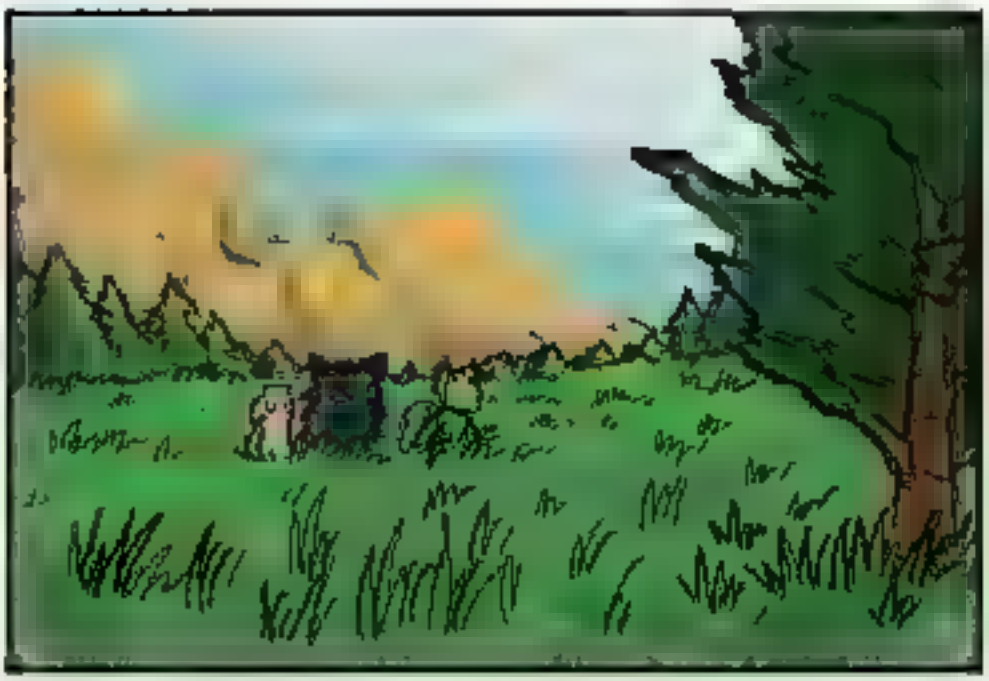

SHE'S NEW TO ALL THIS, AND SHE'S NOT STRONG LIKE YOU ARE.
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM YOU
BUT SHE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS SHE NEEDS TO BE IN TREASURE TOWN.

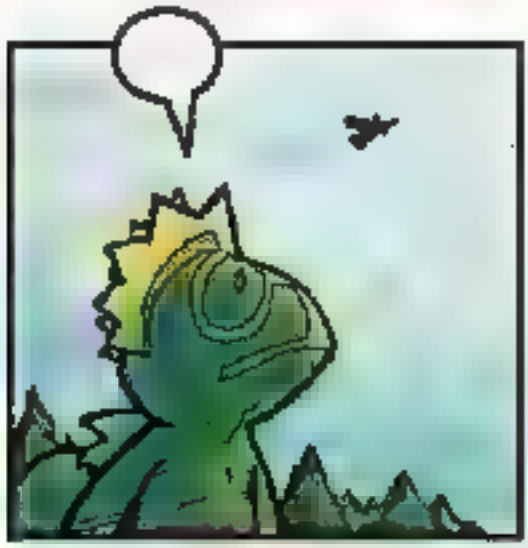
SO...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO TREASURE TOWN.

I'M SORRY

I'M REALLY MESSING UP YOUR LIFE, HUH?


KEH.
IT WAS PRETTY MESSED UP TO START WITH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.





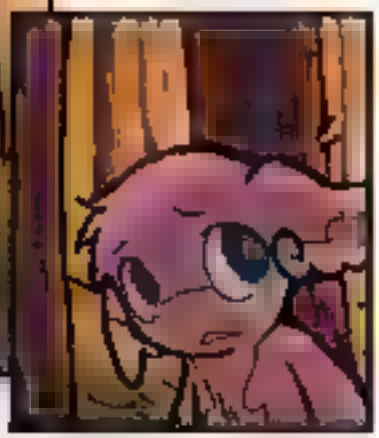
...THERE GOES OUR HEAD START
HUH?

I SAW THAT BIRD BACK IN THE BADLANDS. THEY'RE NOT NATIVE HERE

WHY WOULD A MURKROW HELP THEM?
THIS IS ALL SO WEIRD

ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH-- I'M COMING.
WAIT UP.

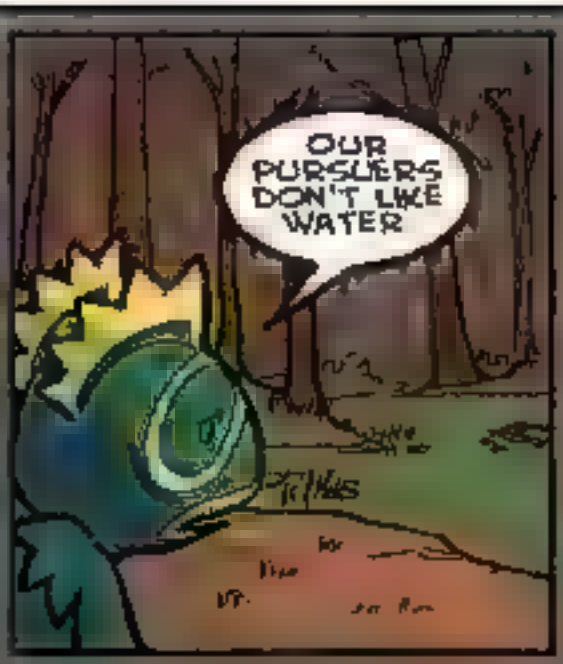


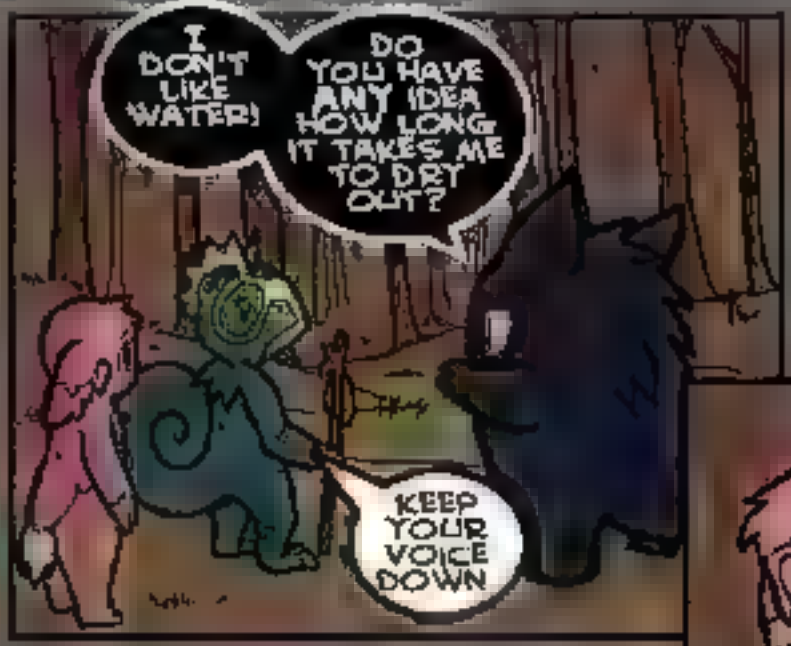
GENGAR?
I CAN HEAR THEM NOW

HEY, SHE SAYS THEY'RE ON US.
YES, I EXPECTED AS MUCH
DON'T LOSE HEART WE'RE NOT BEATEN YET

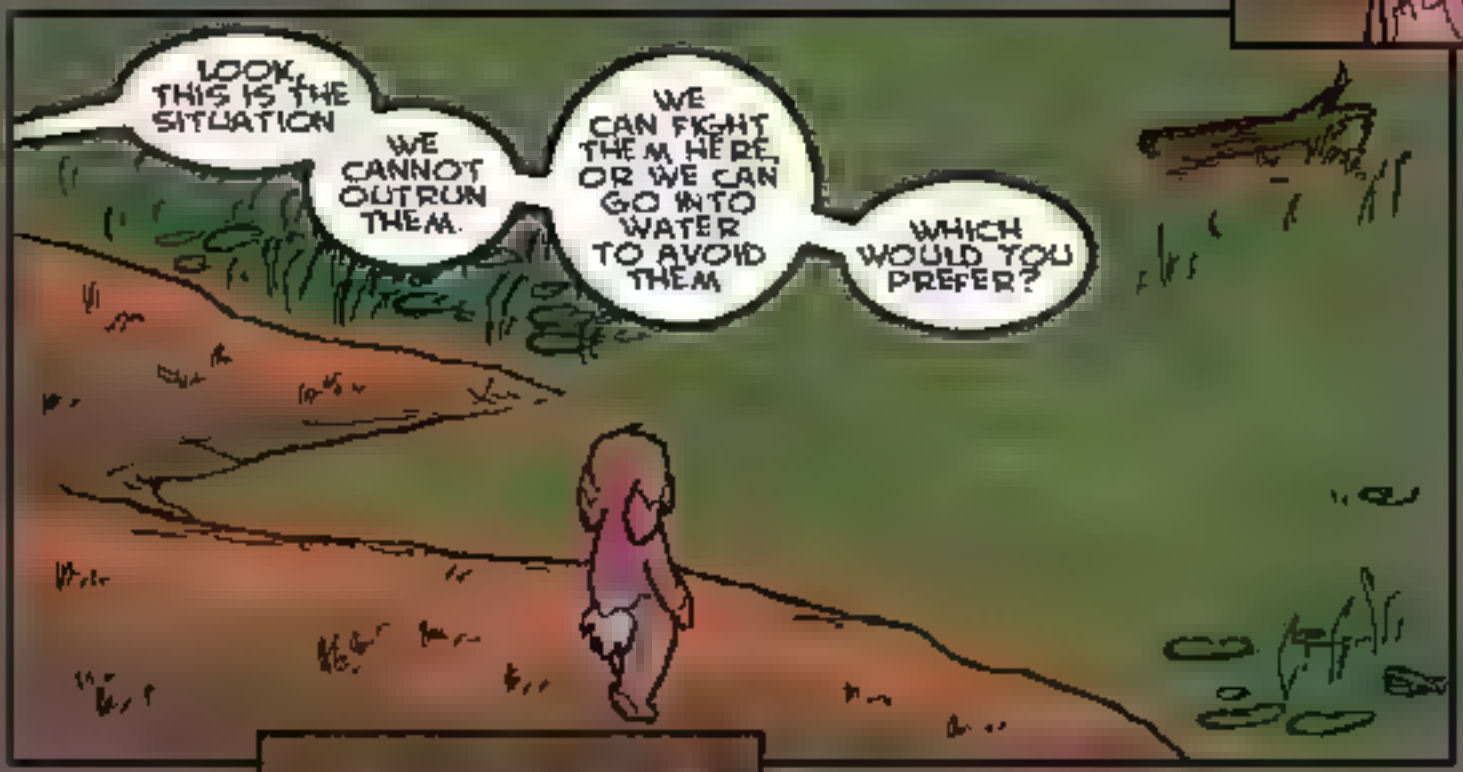
I STILL HAVE A TRICK OR TWO TO TRY

I CAN'T KEEP GOING
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER, JEN WE'RE NEARLY TO SAFETY
WATCH YOUR STEP IT'S GOING TO GET MUDDY DOWN HERE
MUDDY ++?
...OH COME ON!
THIS IS YOUR MASTER PLAN? A STINKING SWAMP?


OUR PURSUERS DON'T LIKE WATER


I DON'T LIKE WATER!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT TAKES ME TO DRY OUT?
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN

THEY NEVER STOP


LOOK, THIS IS THE SITUATION
WE CANNOT OUTRUN THEM.
WE CAN FIGHT THEM HERE, OR WE CAN GO INTO WATER TO AVOID THEM
WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?

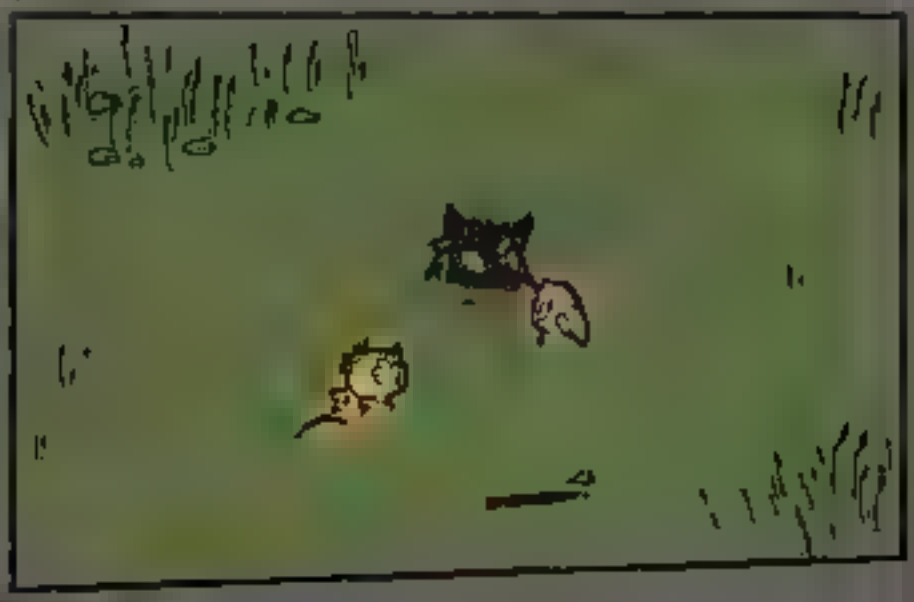
THIS SUCKS.

BELIEVE ME, I AGREE
BUT, THOSE ARE OUR CHOICES

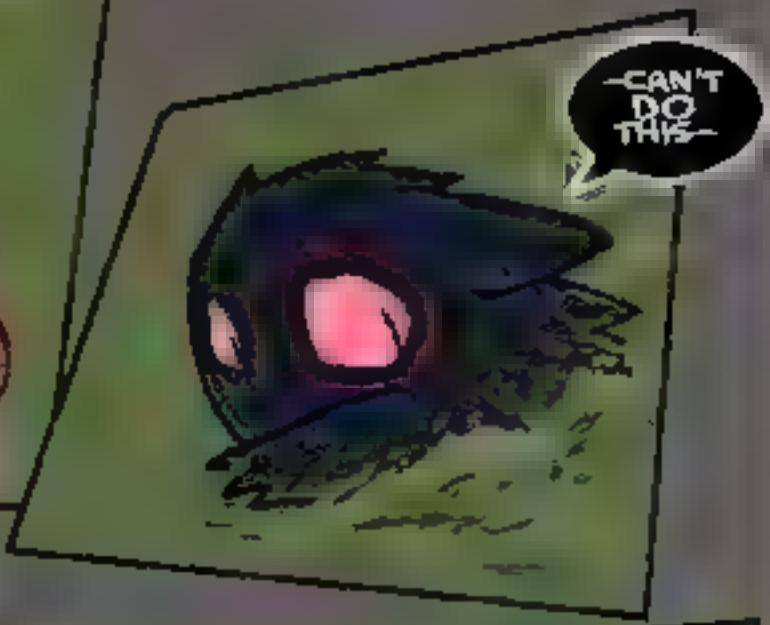
VICTORIA.RE.SMACKJEEVES.COM

AOUW!
WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I I DON'T KNOW SOMETHING STUNG ME--!
-AGH!
WHA-- ELECTRIC?

WHAT WAS THAT?

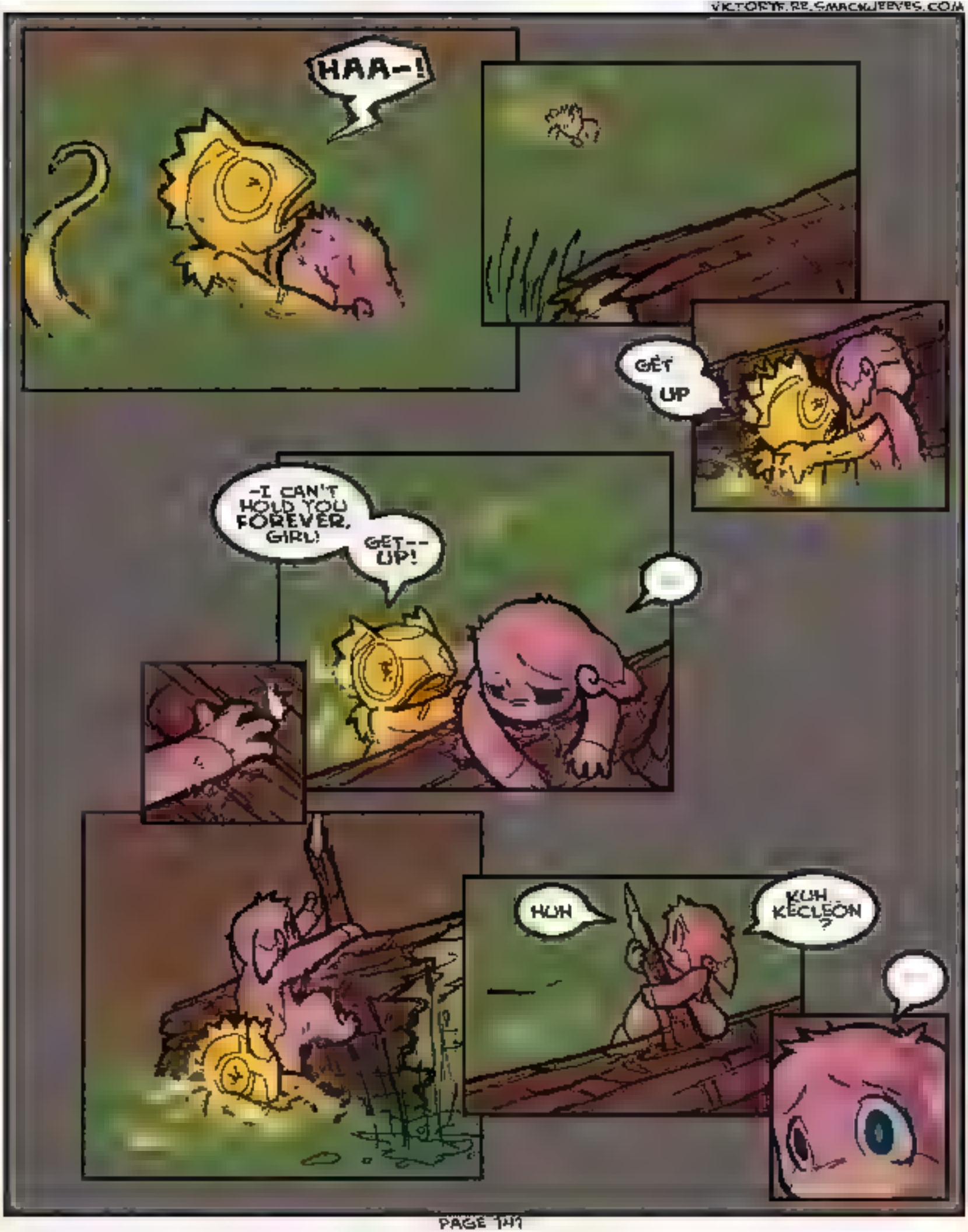


KYAA-!

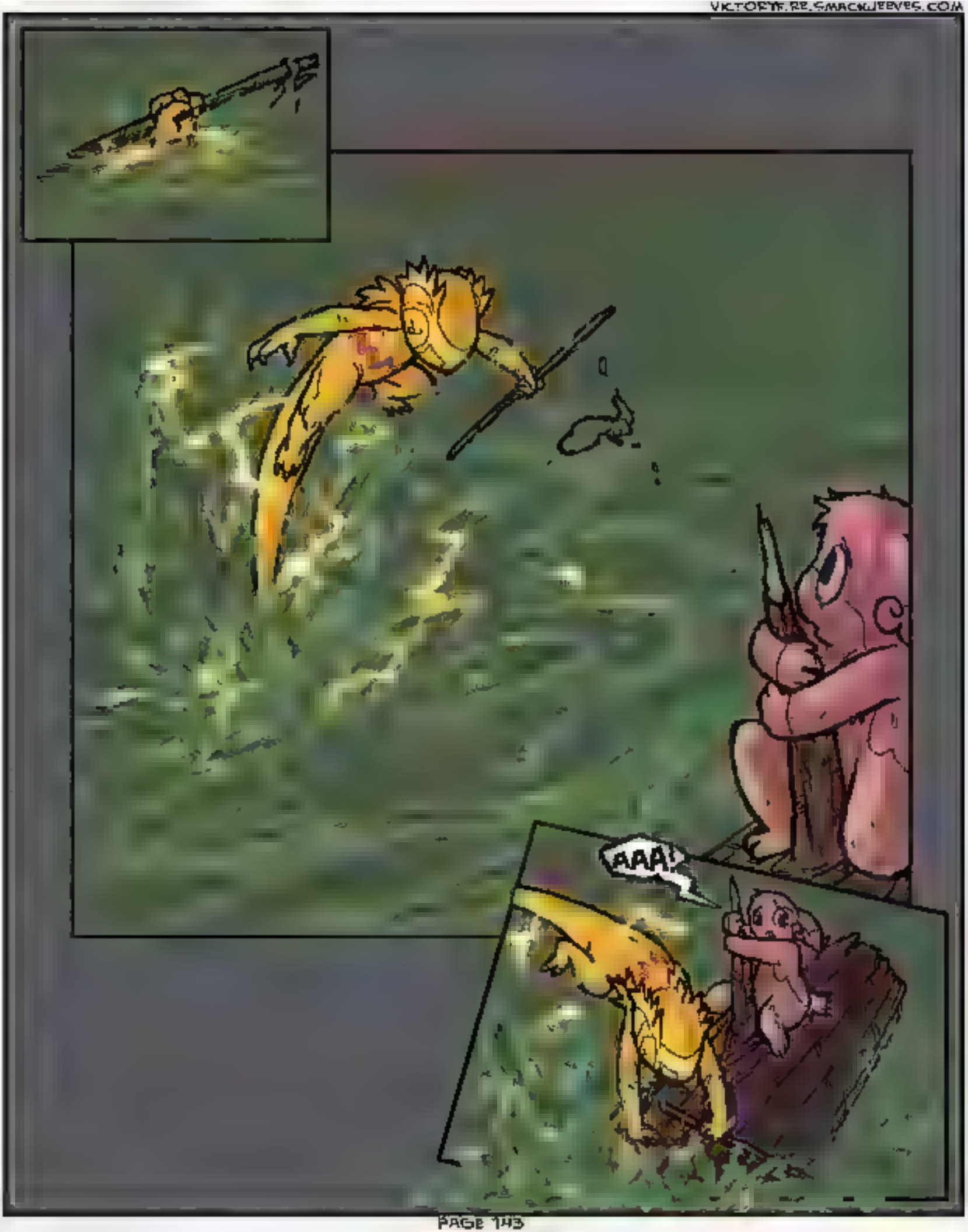

-CAN'T DO THIS-

HH-

JEN!


HAA-!
GET UP
-I CAN'T HOLD YOU FOREVER, GIRL!
GET-- UP!
HUH
KUH KECLEON?

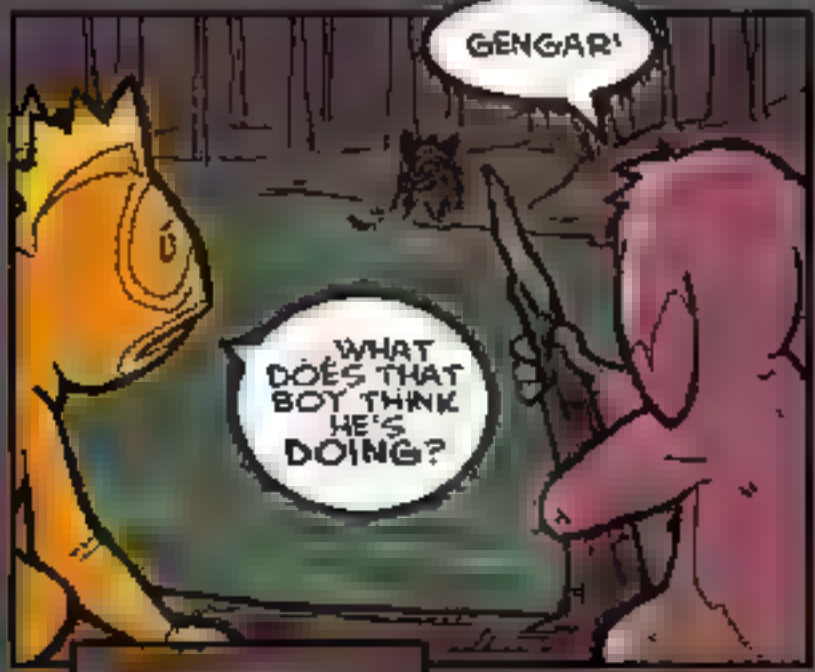
HELP
...
BULLY.
COWARD.
HFF!
NO... THAT ...
WASN'T REAL ...
... BUT ...
IT'S REAL NOW, ISN'T IT?
THUM

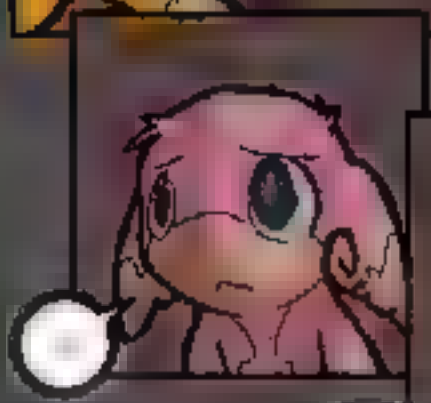

AAA!

IT ALL LOOKS THE SAME
AAA!
JEN!
WHICH WAY DID I RUN ...?

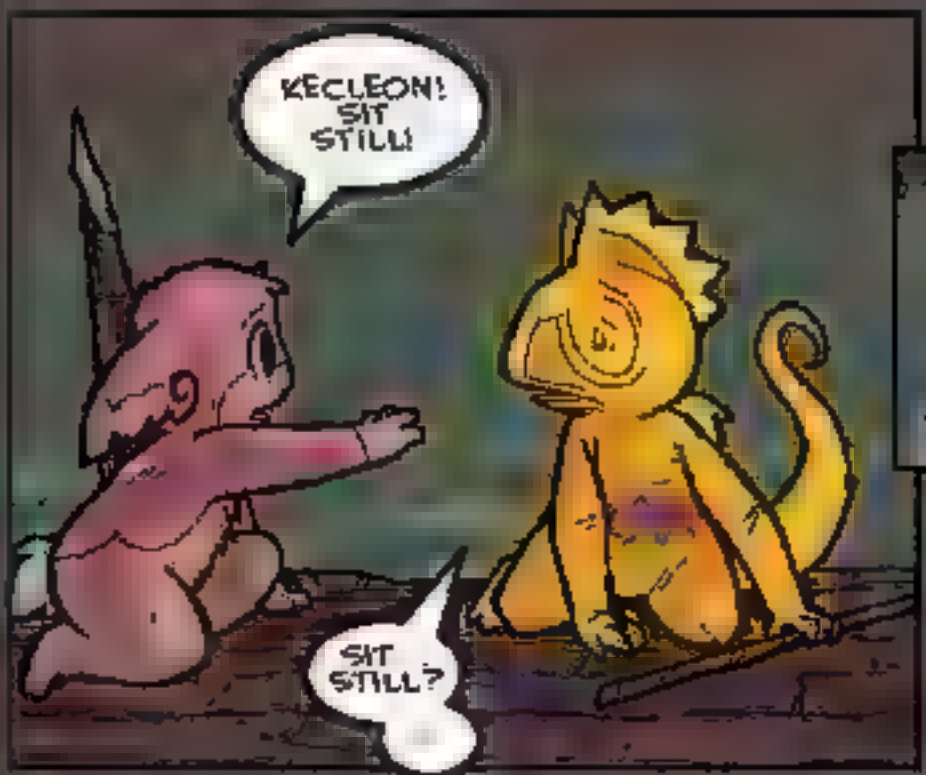
WHAT IS IT? LANTURN?
NO... THEY LIKE CLEAN WATER ...
WHY IS IT STILL ATTACKING? THEY'RE OUT OF THE WATER ...
...THE SOUND ...

PLASHH


GENGAR!
WHAT DOES THAT BOY THINK HE'S DOING?

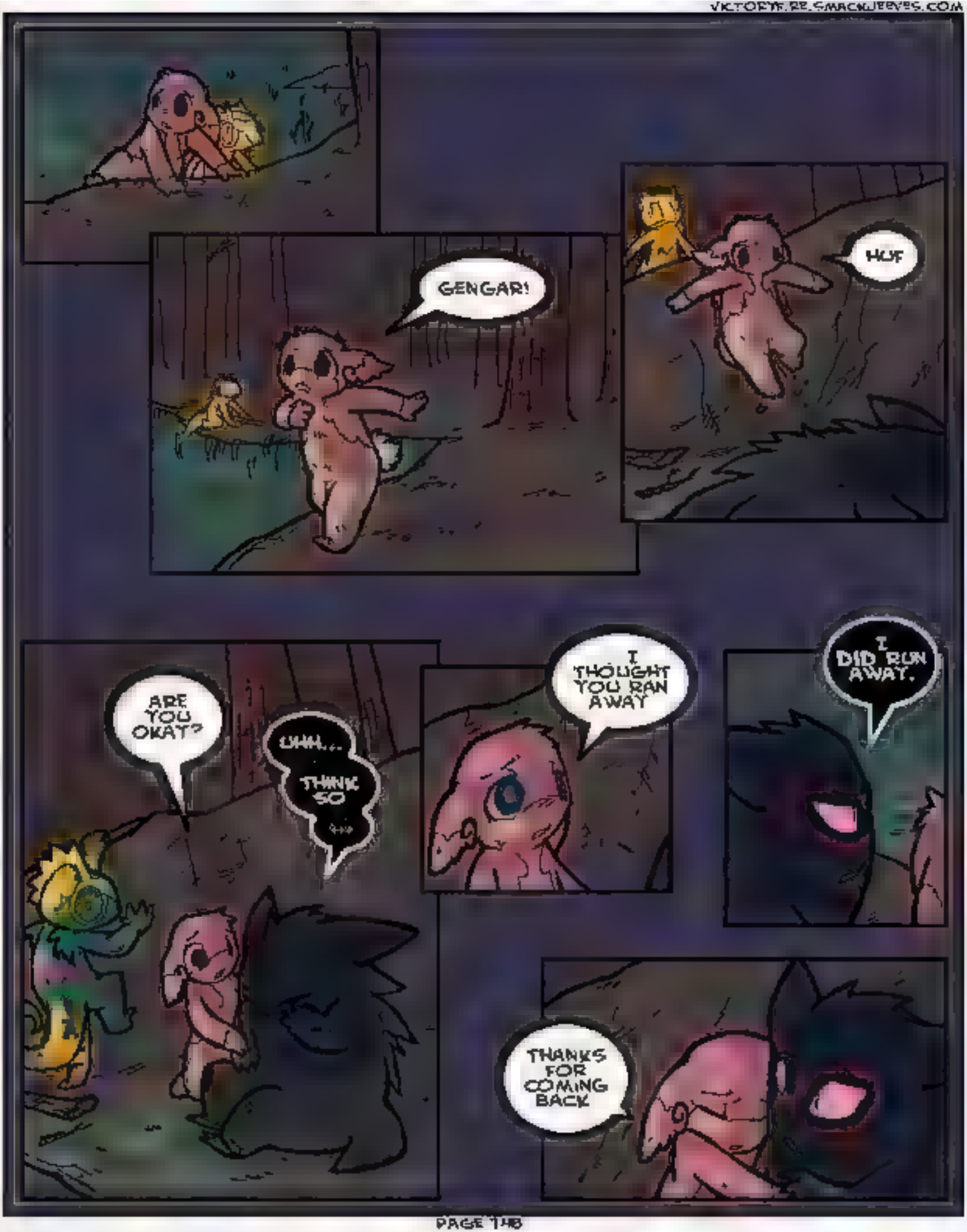


OH! I GET IT!

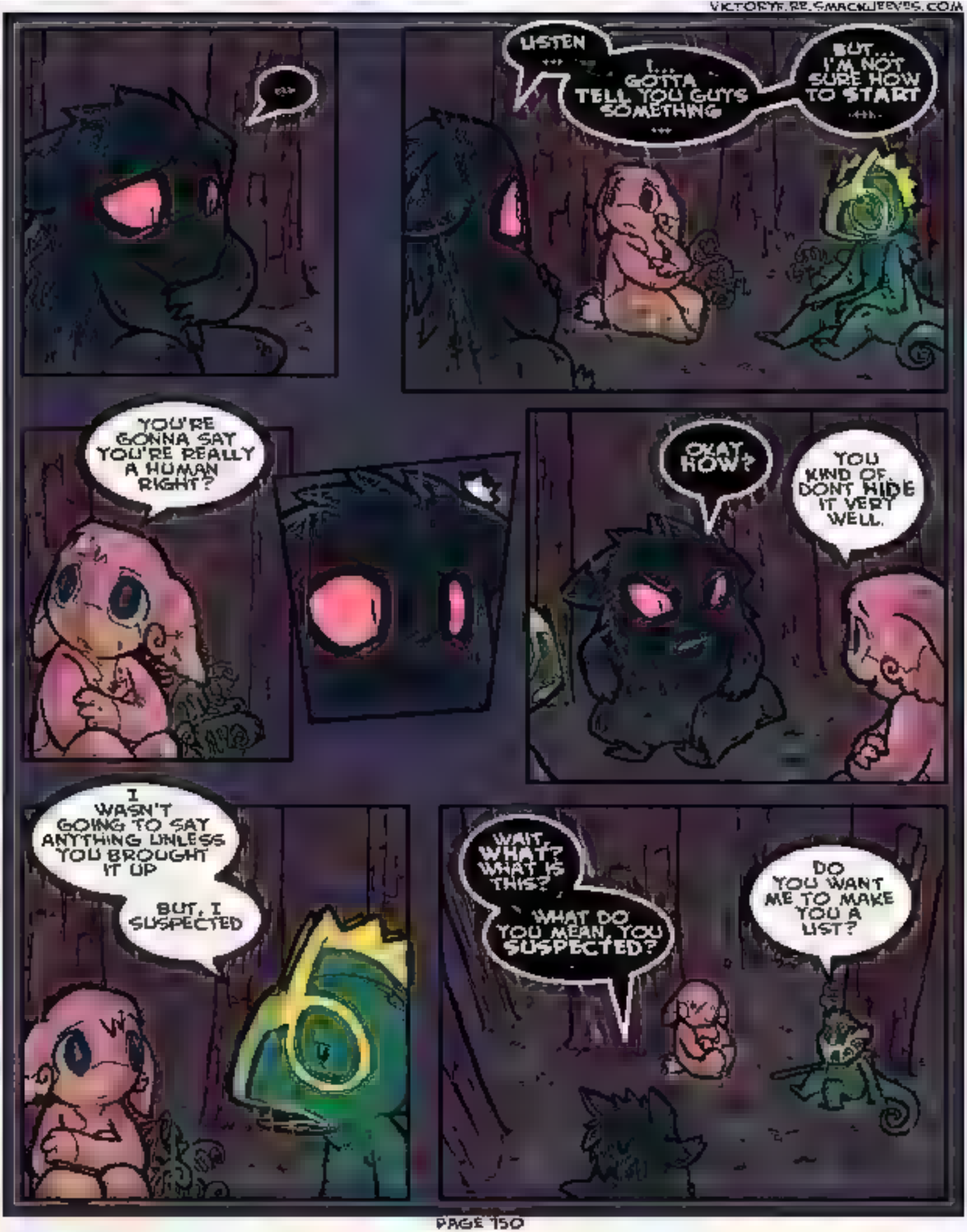

KECLEON! SIT STILL!
SIT STILL?

THAT'S IT...
COME TO ME, I'M LOUDER...

OKAY, GO! BUT BE QUIET!
COME ON, COME ON....
HURRY UP....
KAAA-
VHUD


GENGAR!
HUF
ARE YOU OKAY?
UHH... THINK SO
I THOUGHT YOU RAN AWAY
I DID RUN AWAY.
THANKS FOR COMING BACK

OH, COME ON! SERIOUSLY?
WELL IT'LL GET SOME OF THE MUD OFF, AT LEAST
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF THEY COME NOW
I JUST WANT TO GO TO SLEEP
I CAN'T DO THIS AGAIN..
NOT ANOTHER NIGHT
HAVEN'T GOT THE STRENGTH


...
LISTEN
I... GOTTA TELL YOU GUYS SOMETHING
BUT... I'M NOT SURE HOW TO START
YOU'RE GONNA SAY YOU'RE REALLY A HUMAN RIGHT?
OKAY HOW?
YOU KIND OF DONT HIDE IT VERY WELL.
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING UNLESS YOU BROUGHT IT UP
BUT, I SUSPECTED
WAIT WHAT? WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU SUSPECTED?
DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE YOU A LIST?

REMEMBER THE CLIFF PATH, WHEN YOU WERE SO FRIGHTENED?

YOU WERE IN FAR LESS DANGER THAN WE WERE. YOU HAVE ACCESS TO SKILLS WE DON'T.

BUT YOU DIDN'T USE THEM. I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU USE THEM.

WHY?

YEAH, WELL, MAYBE THAT'S NOT SO EASY WHEN YOU'RE SCARED.

THERE'S MORE

YOU LET HER TOUCH YOU

YOU LET ME TOUCH YOU

YOU SAY YOU HATE WATER, BUT YOU'LL STILL WADE RIGHT IN

YOU CHALLENGED ME TO A FIGHT, AND HEN TRIED TO PUNCH ME

YOU ARE THE MOST STUBBORNLY CORPOREAL GHOST I HAVE EVER MET

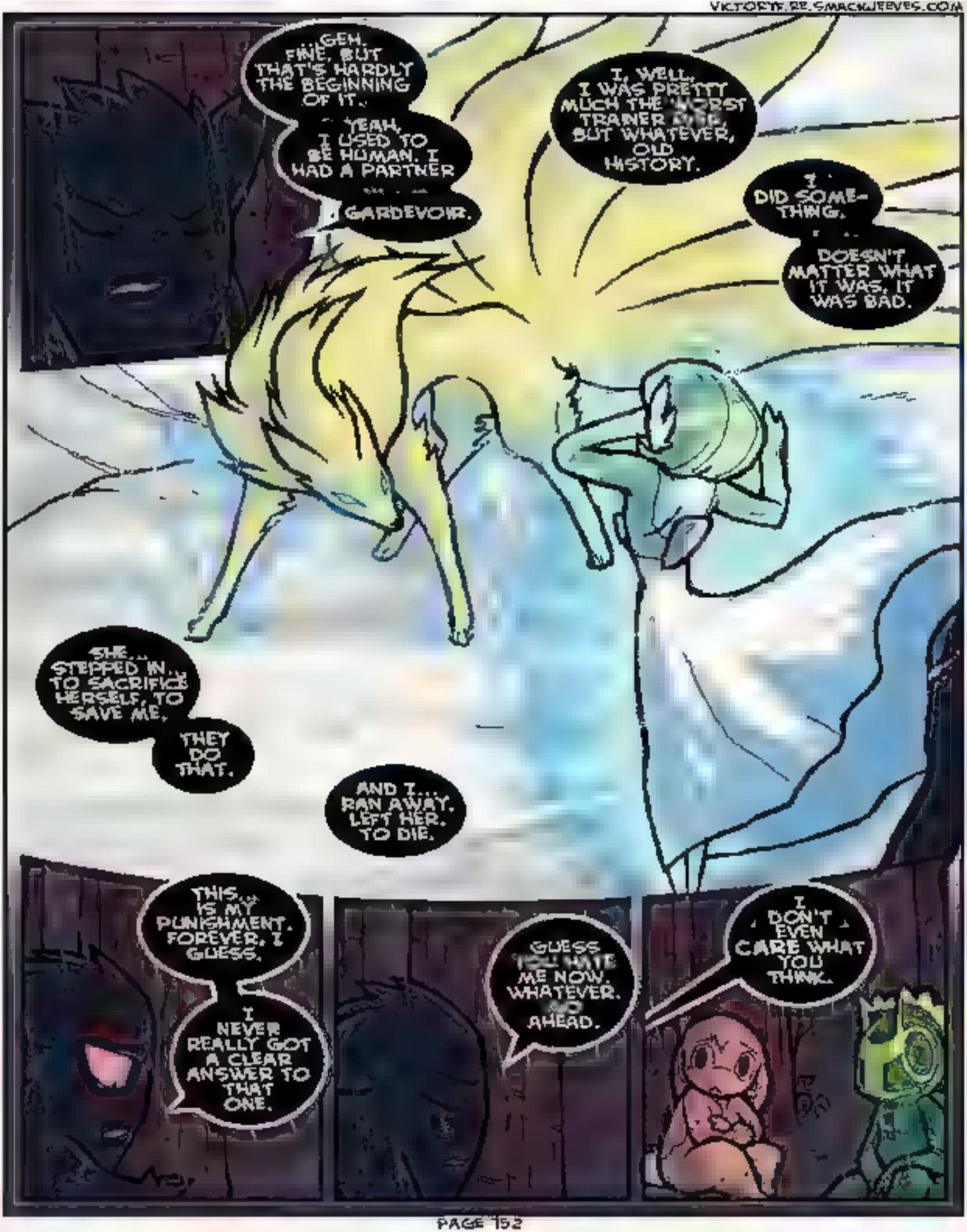
... CORPA- WHAT?

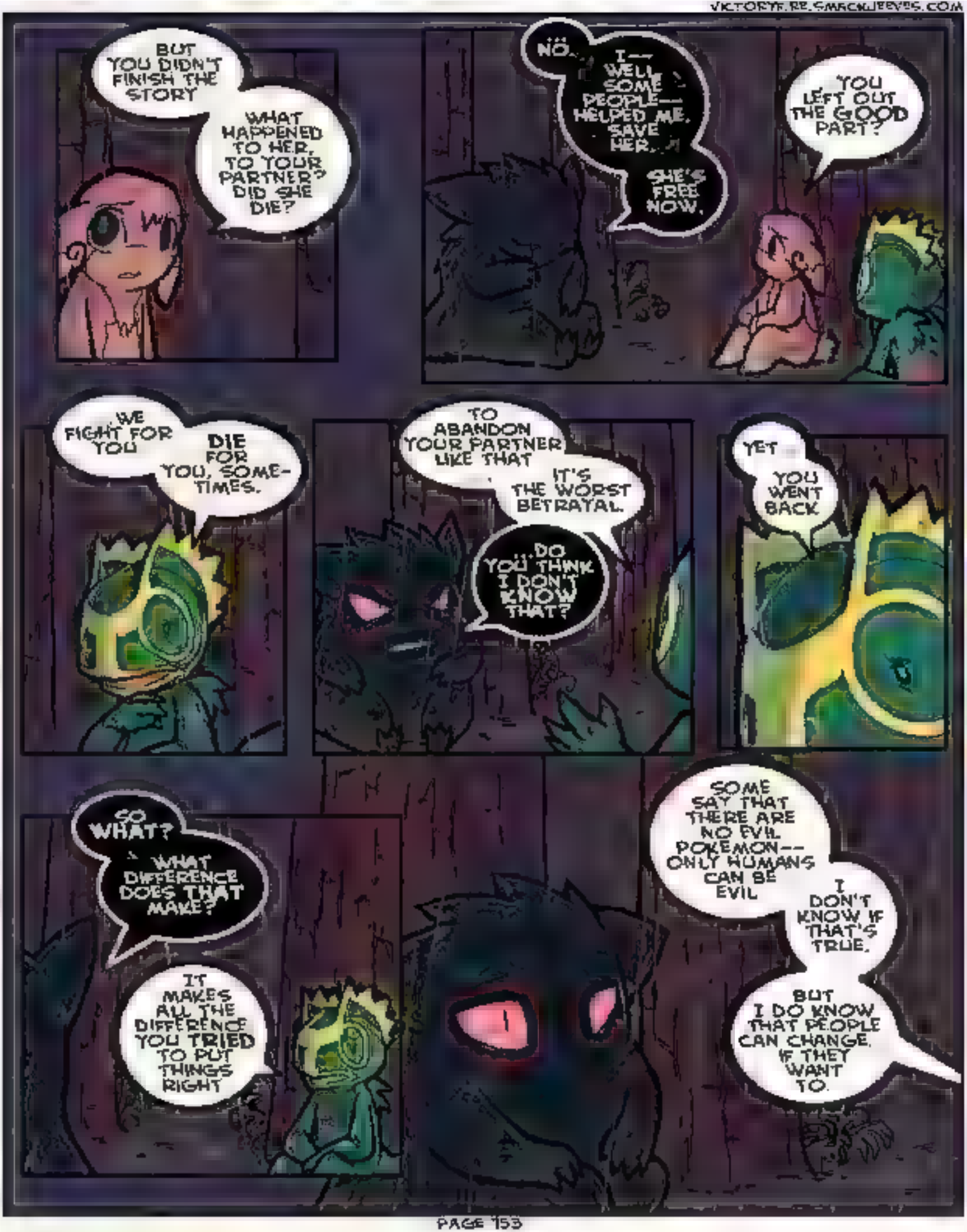
YOU AND JEN

WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE IN THE WATER I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. I STILL DON'T

BUT SHE KNEW STRAIGHT OFF

IT'S BOTH OF YOU, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE BOTH HUMAN YOU THINK ALIKE.


GEH. FINE, BUT THAT'S HARDLY THE BEGINNING OF IT...
YEAH, I USED TO BE HUMAN. I HAD A PARTNER...
GARDEVOIR.
I, WELL, I WAS PRETTY MUCH THE WORST TRAINER EVER, BUT WHATEVER, OLD HISTORY.
I DID SOMETHING...
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT WAS, IT WAS BAD.
SHE... STEPPED IN... TO SACRIFICE HERSELF, TO SAVE ME.
THEY DO THAT.
AND I... RAN AWAY. LEFT HER. TO DIE.
THIS... IS MY PUNISHMENT. FOREVER. I GUESS.
I NEVER REALLY GOT A CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT ONE.
GUESS I'LL HATE ME NOW. WHATEVER. GO AHEAD.
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHAT YOU THINK.


BUT YOU DIDN'T FINISH THE STORY
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, TO YOUR PARTNER? DID SHE DIE?
...NO... I-- WELL SOME PEOPLE-- HELPED ME. SAVE HER... SHE'S FREE NOW.
YOU LEFT OUT THE GOOD PART?
WE FIGHT FOR YOU
DIE FOR YOU, SOME-TIMES.
TO ABANDON YOUR PARTNER LIKE THAT
IT'S THE WORST BETRAYAL.
...DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?
YET
YOU WENT BACK
SO WHAT?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?
IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE YOU TRIED TO PUT THINGS RIGHT
SOME SAY THAT THERE ARE NO EVIL POKEMON-- ONLY HUMANS CAN BE EVIL
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE.
BUT I DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE CAN CHANGE, IF THEY WANT TO.

SHE ASLEEP?

YEAH, SHE'S OUT.

WE'LL TAKE TURNS KEEPING WATCH

IF ONE OF US STARTS TO DREAM, THE OTHER CAN WAKE THEM.

DON'T ASSUME THIS MEANS ANYTHING.

HE WAS TRYING TO USE IT AGAINST ME.

I ONLY TOLD YOU 'CAUSE I HAD NO CHOICE.

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING

...I THOUGHT... IF I... WENT AWAY SOMEWHERE ON MY OWN...

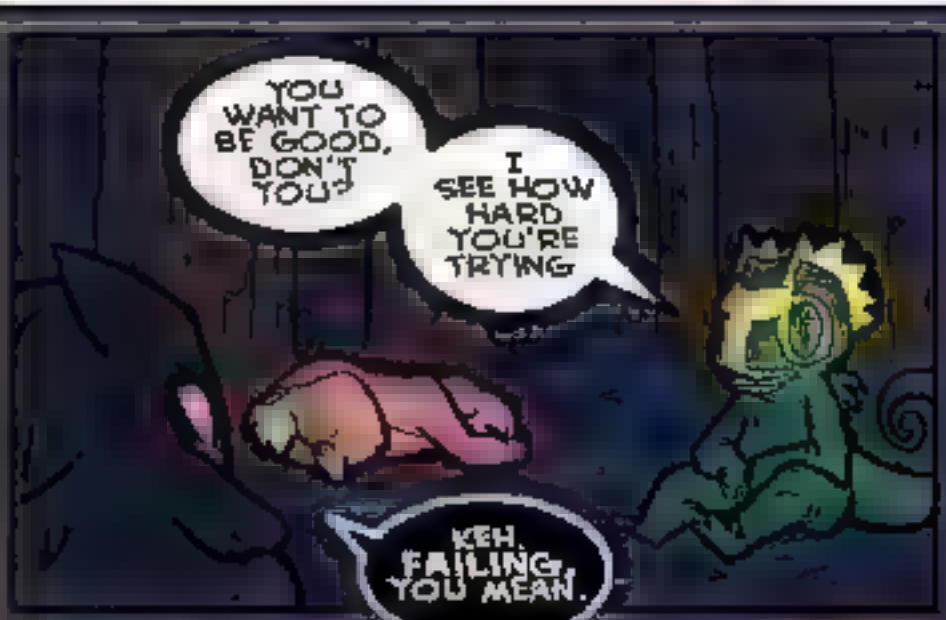
I WOULDN'T DO ANY MORE HARM

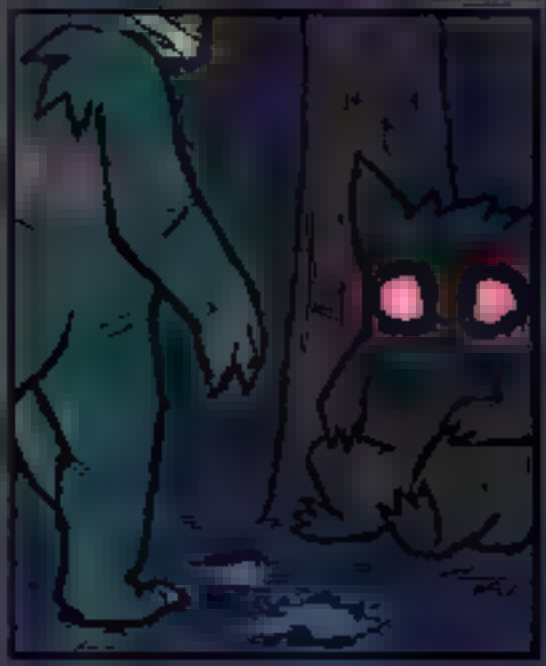
...BUT... I WAS TURNING INTO SOMETHING BAD OUT THERE.

IF IT WASN'T FOR HER SHOWING UP LIKE SHE DID...

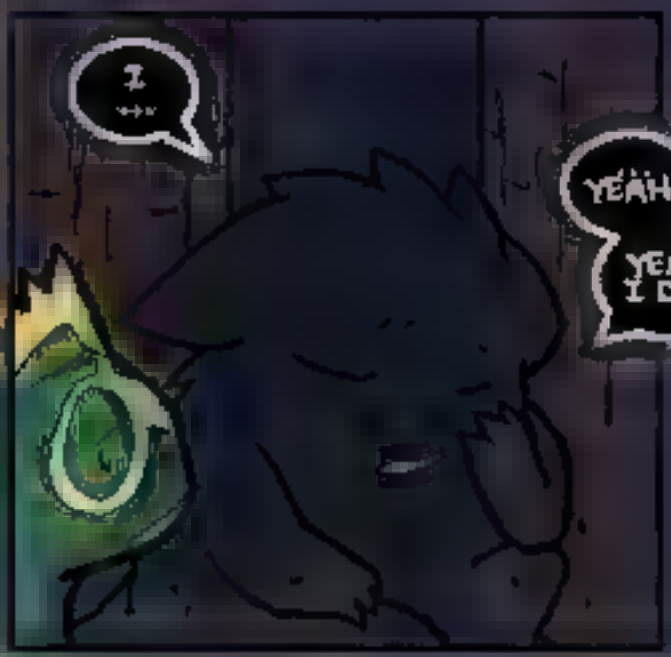
...SHE ASKED ME FOR HELP. NOBODY EVER DID THAT.

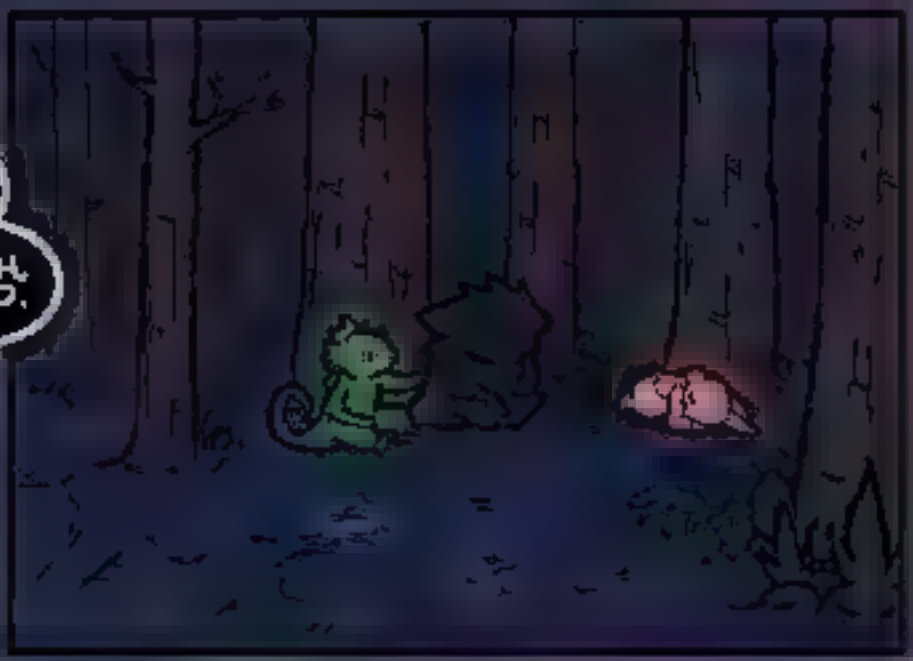
NOBODY EVER TRUSTED ME BEFORE

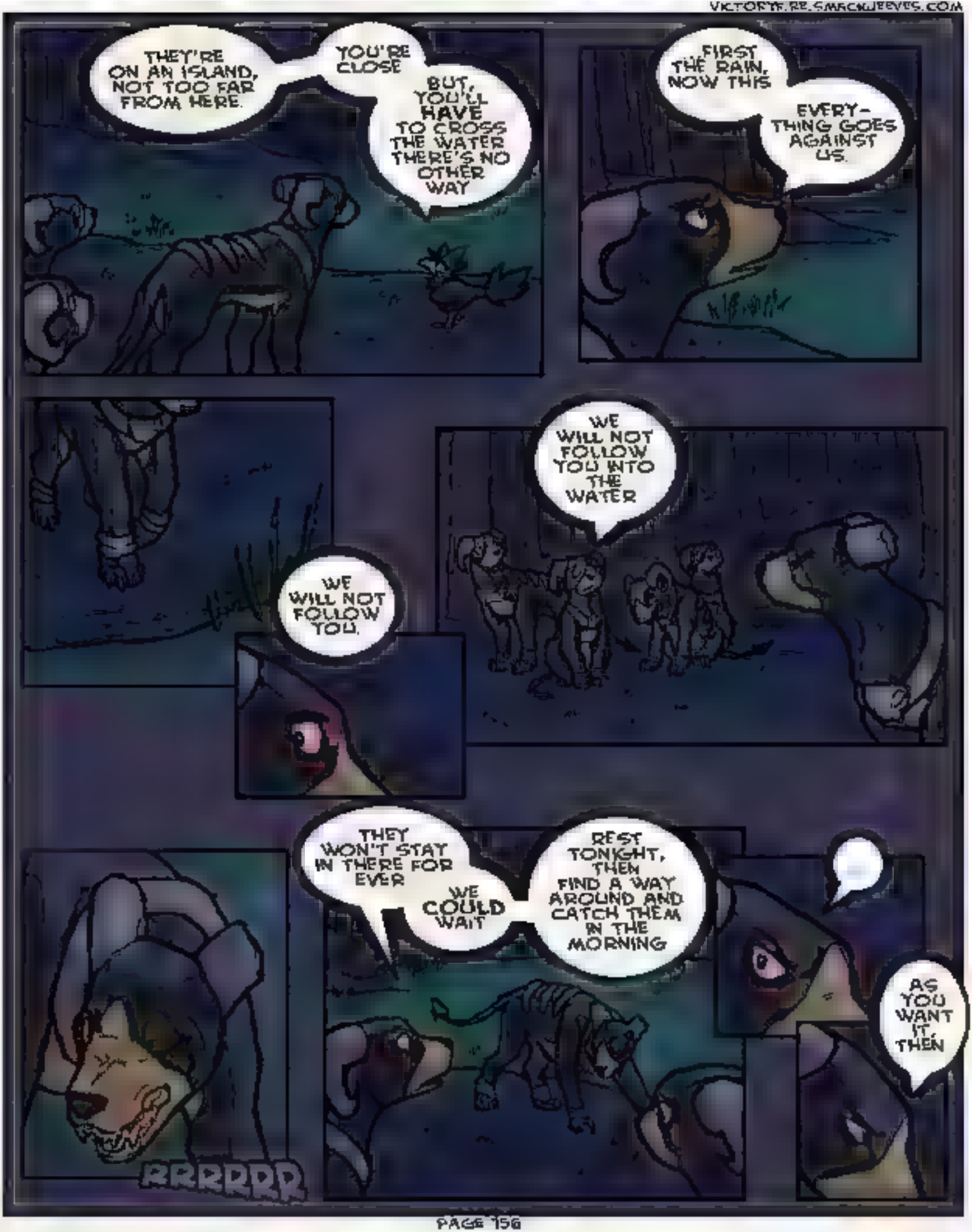

YOU WANT TO BE GOOD, DON'T YOU?
I SEE HOW HARD YOU'RE TRYING
KEH. FAILING, YOU MEAN.

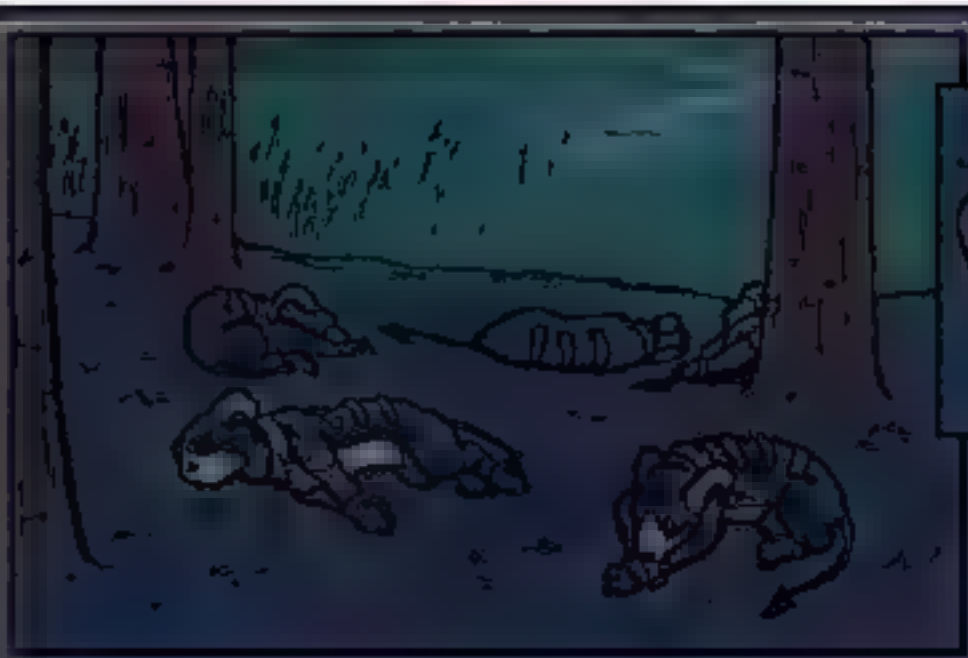


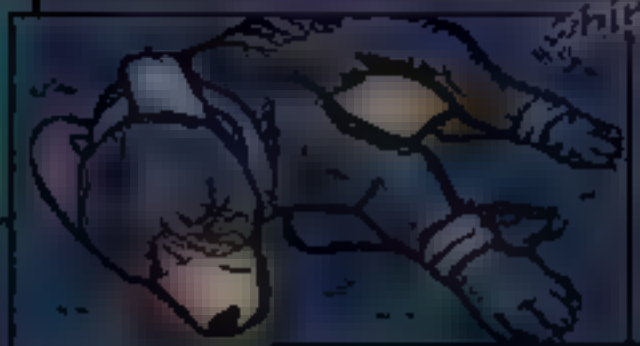
DO YOU WANT SOME HELP?


I ...
YEAH.
YEAH, I DO.




THEY'RE ON AN ISLAND, NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE.
YOU'RE CLOSE
BUT, YOU'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE WATER THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
FIRST THE RAIN, NOW THIS
EVERY-THING GOES AGAINST US.
WE WILL NOT FOLLOW YOU INTO THE WATER
WE WILL NOT FOLLOW YOU.
THEY WON'T STAY IN THERE FOR EVER
WE COULD WAIT
REST TONIGHT, THEN FIND A WAY AROUND AND CATCH THEM IN THE MORNING
AS YOU WANT IT, THEN
RRRRRR

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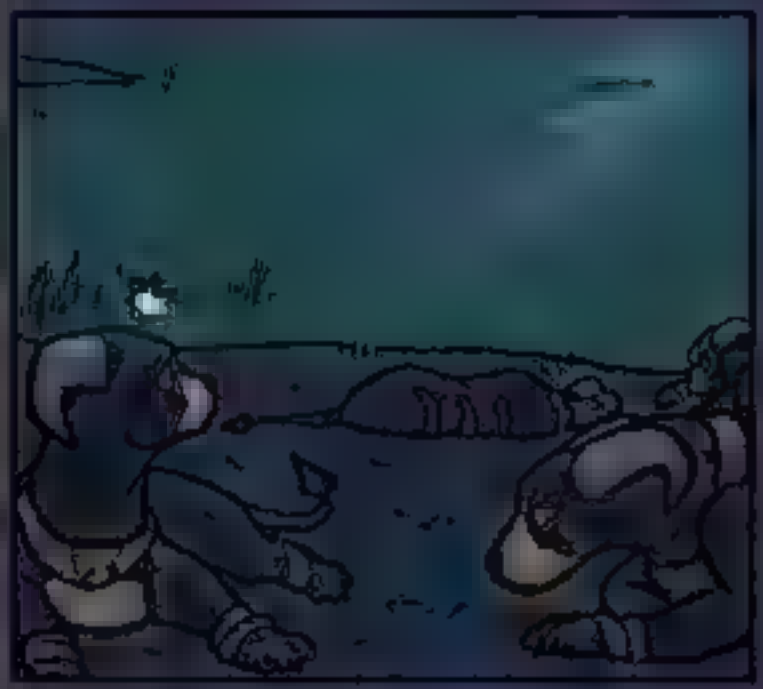
SCHUFF



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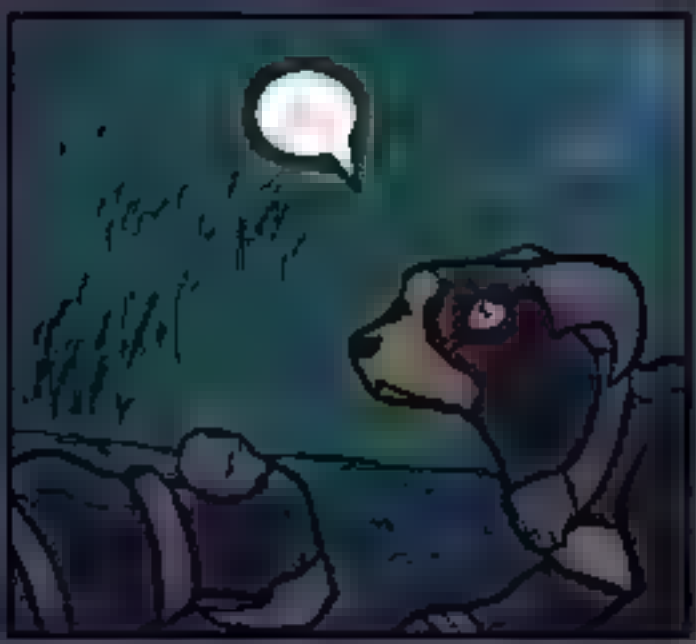
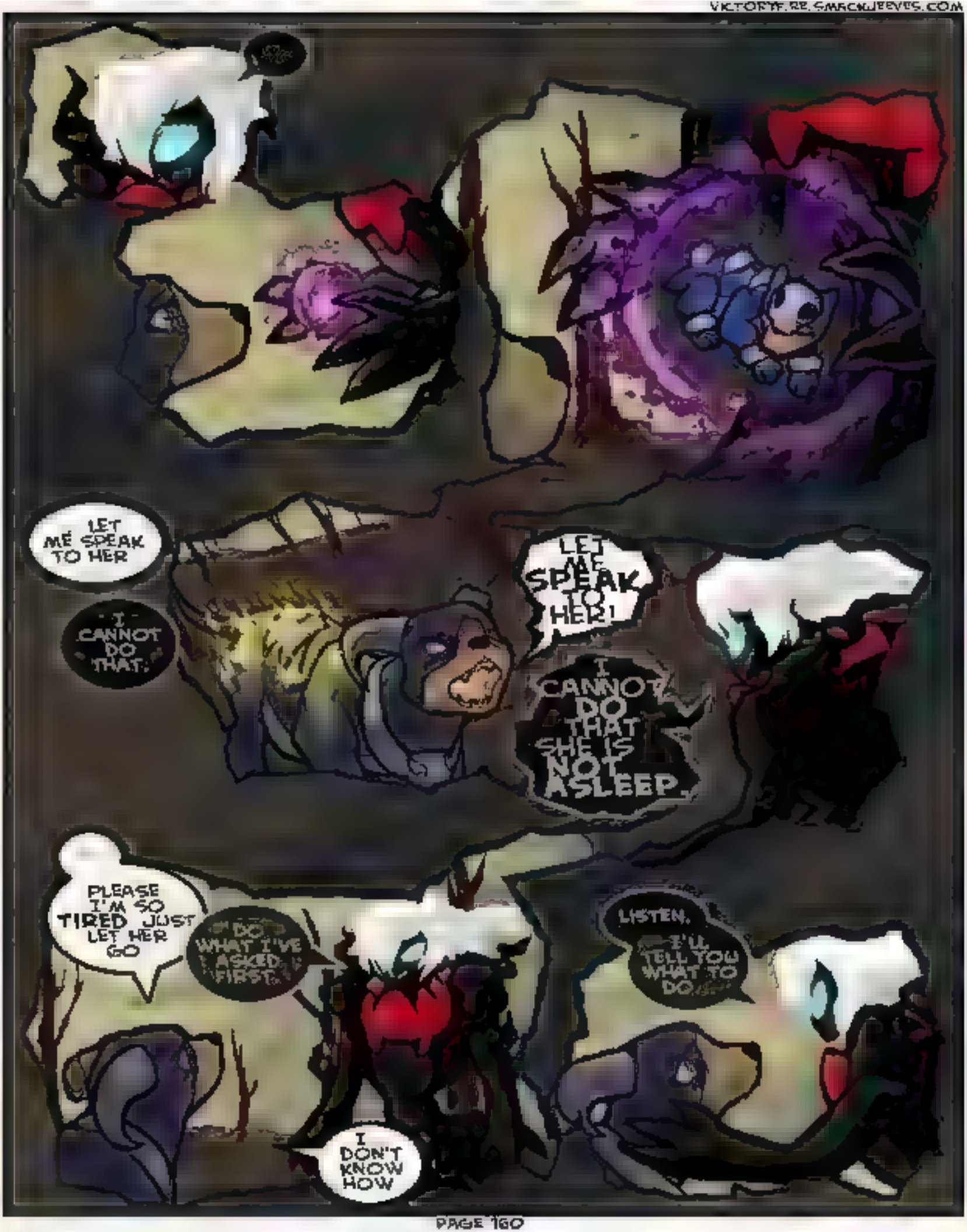
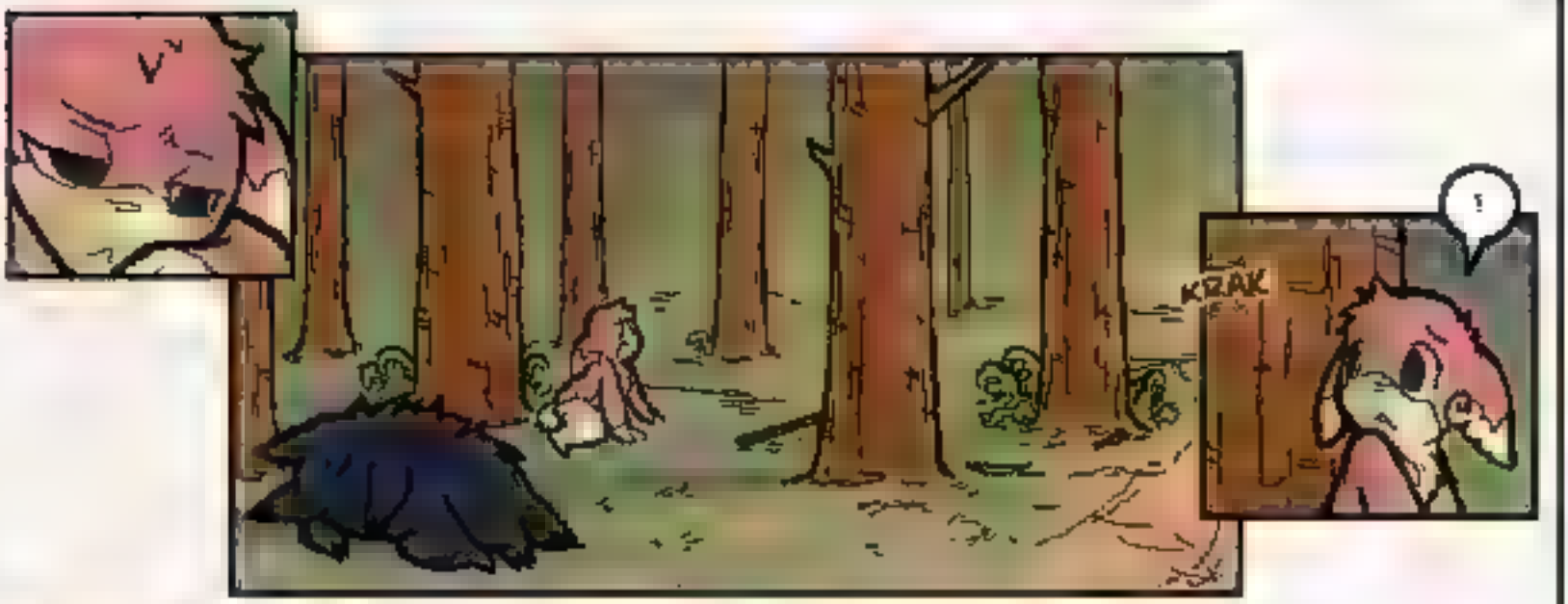


I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING
AGAIN!
AGAIN AND AGAIN!
WHEN IS IT GOING TO BE ENOUGH FOR YOU?
YOU WILL NOT SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY.
DO YOU THINK I AM NOT SUFFERING, TOO?
I'LL SPEAK TO YOU HOW I WISH!
WHAT MORE CAN YOU DO TO ME?

HUH?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
THE GHOST MUST BE GOT RID OF.
THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.
NO
YOU WILL DO AS YOU'RE TOLD
YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR PROMISES!
I TOLD YOU SHE WOULD NOT BE HARMED.
I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING.
EVERY-THING IN MY POWER. WHAT LITTLE I HAVE TO SPARE.
SHOW HER TO ME


LET ME SPEAK TO HER
I CANNOT DO THAT.
LET ME SPEAK TO HER!
I CANNOT DO THAT SHE IS NOT ASLEEP.
PLEASE I'M SO TIRED JUST LET HER GO
DO WHAT I'VE ASKED FIRST.
LISTEN. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.
I DON'T KNOW HOW


KRAK
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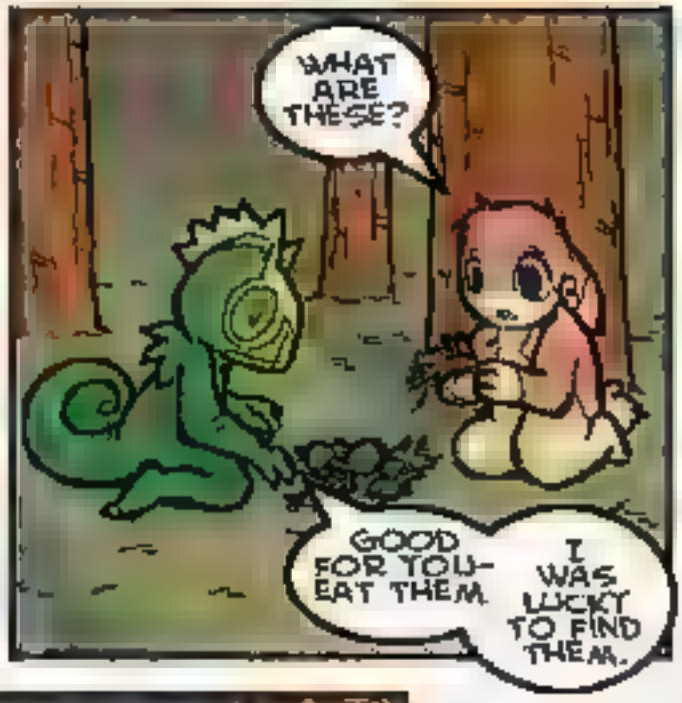
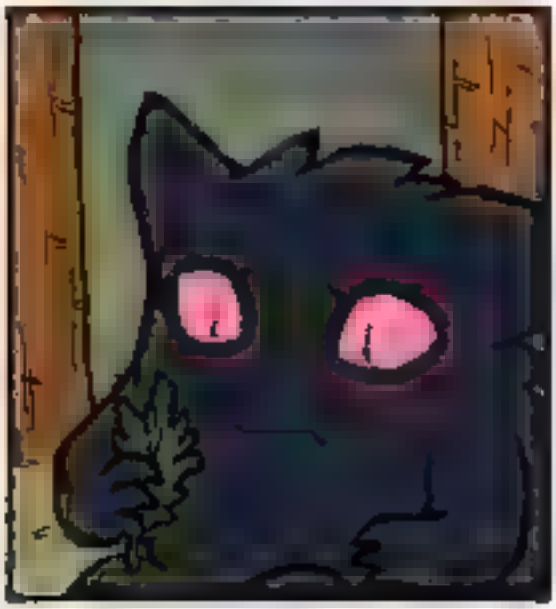
IT'S ALL RIGHT, JEN
JUST ME
HFF


WHAT ARE THESE?
GOOD FOR YOU- EAT THEM.
I WAS LUCKY TO FIND THEM.

BLEHH

WEH ...?



WORST THING I EVER TASTED.

I STILL SAY YOU WERE TRYING TO POISON ME.

YOU'RE ALREADY A POISON TYPE.

IT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT

THOSE CREATURES SEEM TO PREFER STILL WATER

WE'LL USE THE STREAMS FROM NOW ON

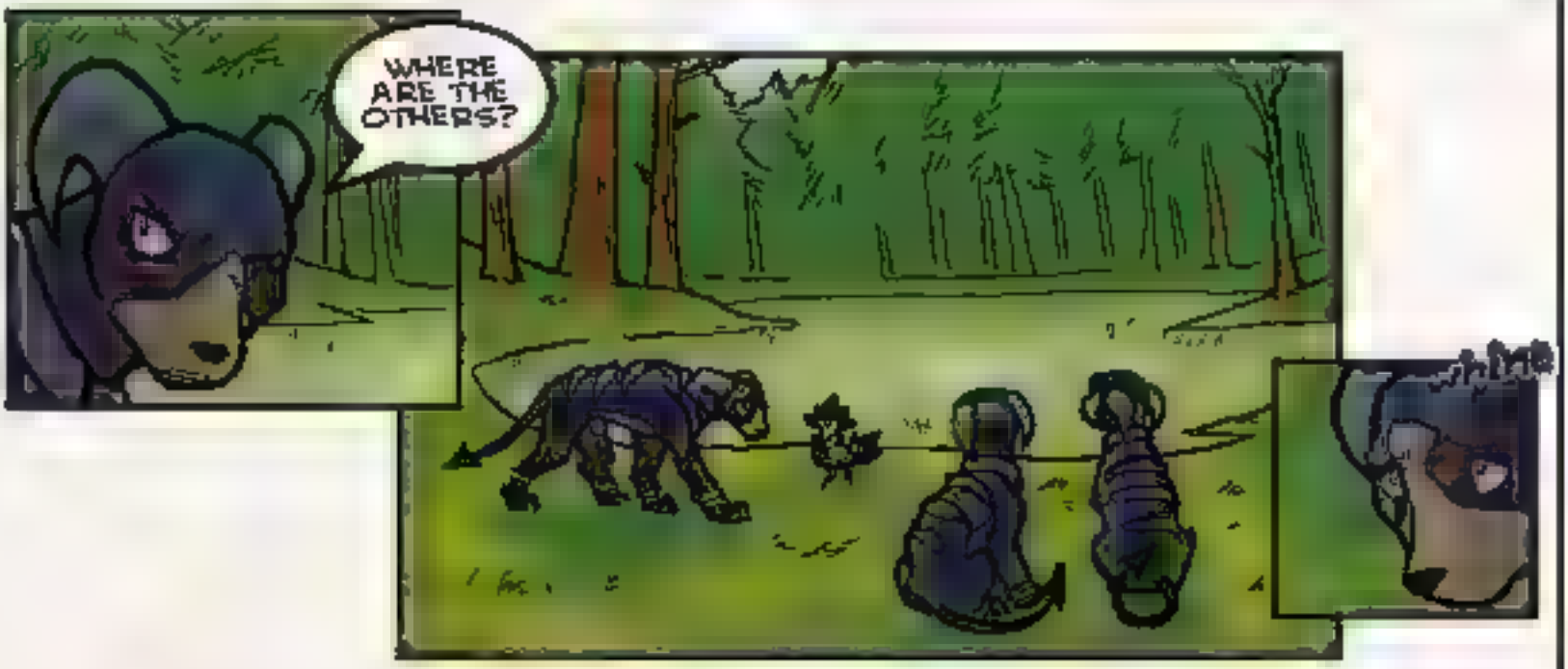
HOW MUCH FURTHER IS IT?

WE DID WELL YESTER-DAY

WE MIGHT MAKE IT BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY

A WHOLE DAY

I'M ALREADY TIRED


WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

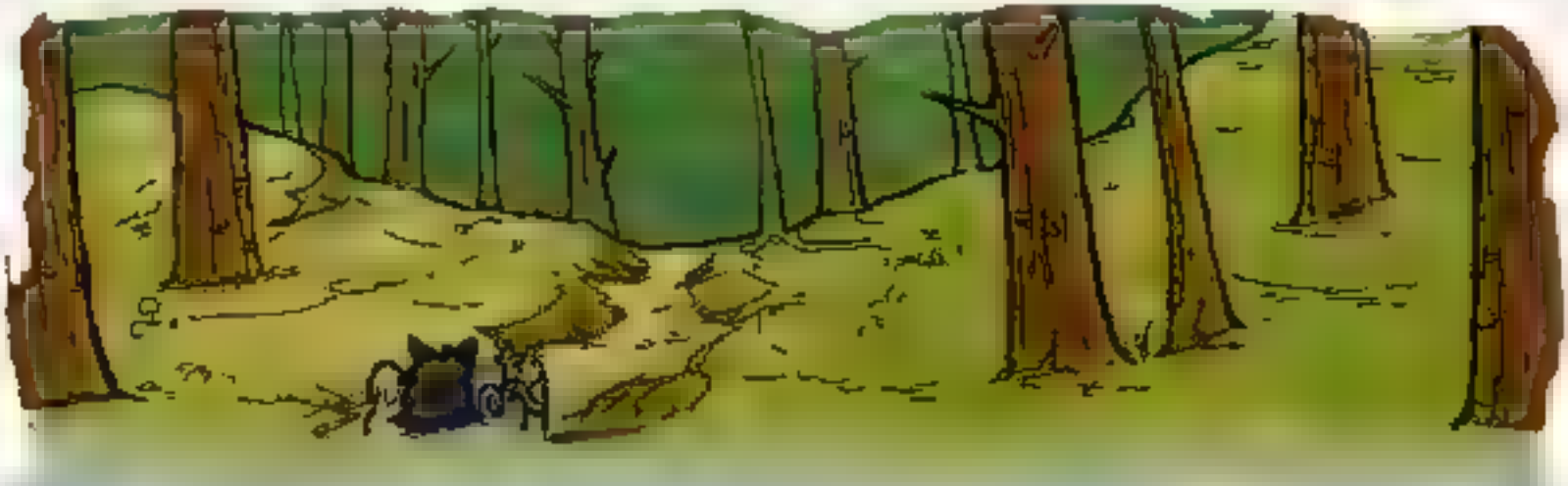
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

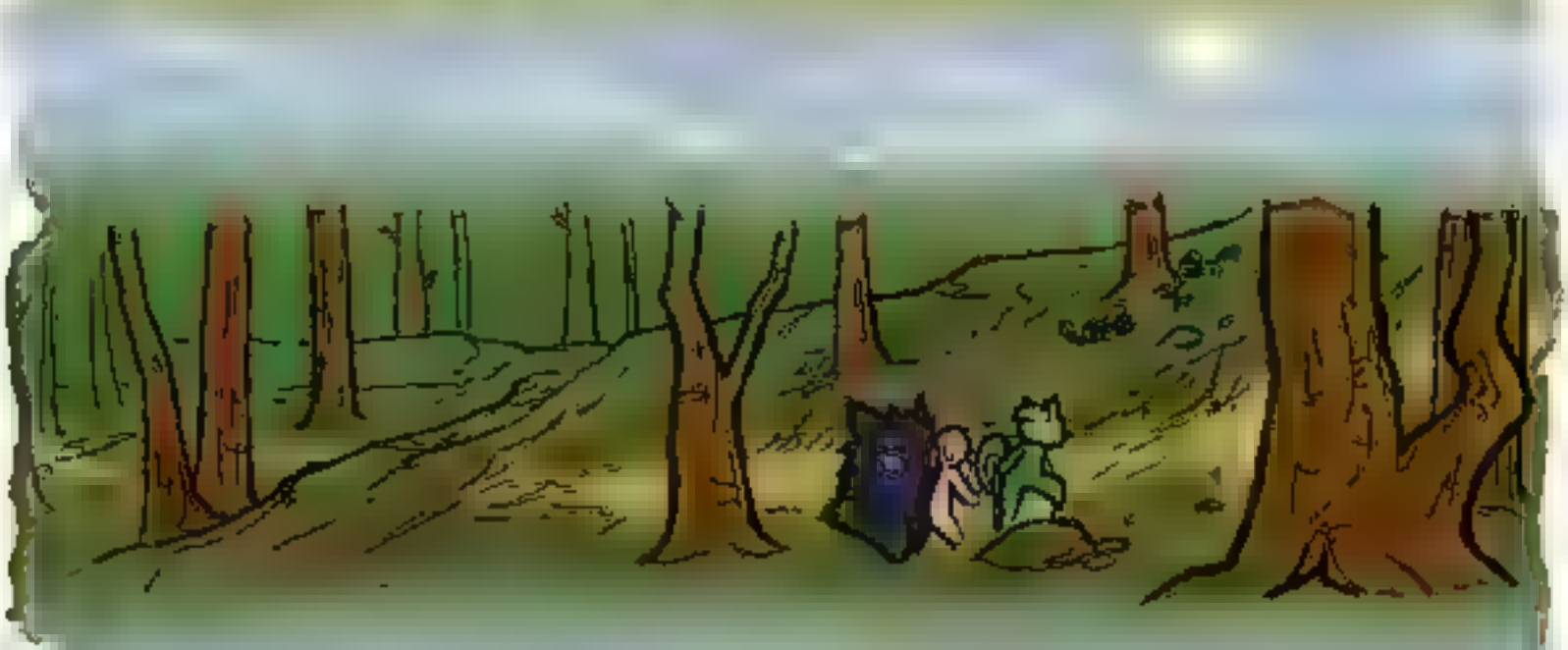
WANT ME TO FLY ON ?
NO

THERE'S A 'TOWN', NORTH OF HERE
A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF POKEMON LIVE.

I KNOW IT

THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING
WE HAVE TO CUT THEM OFF
CAN WE?
YES
IF YOU CAN RUN





UFF

HEAR 'EM YET?
NO
WELL GOOD.
MAYBE WE FINALLY SHOOK 'EM.

WE'D BETTER NOT STOP TOO LONG, EVEN SO
LET'S JUST CATCH OUR BREATH, THEN MOVE ON

STOP

I CAN'T

I CAN'T WALK ANY FURTHER

I KNOW YOU'RE VERY TIRED, JEN.

I'VE PUSHED YOU VERY HARD TODAY

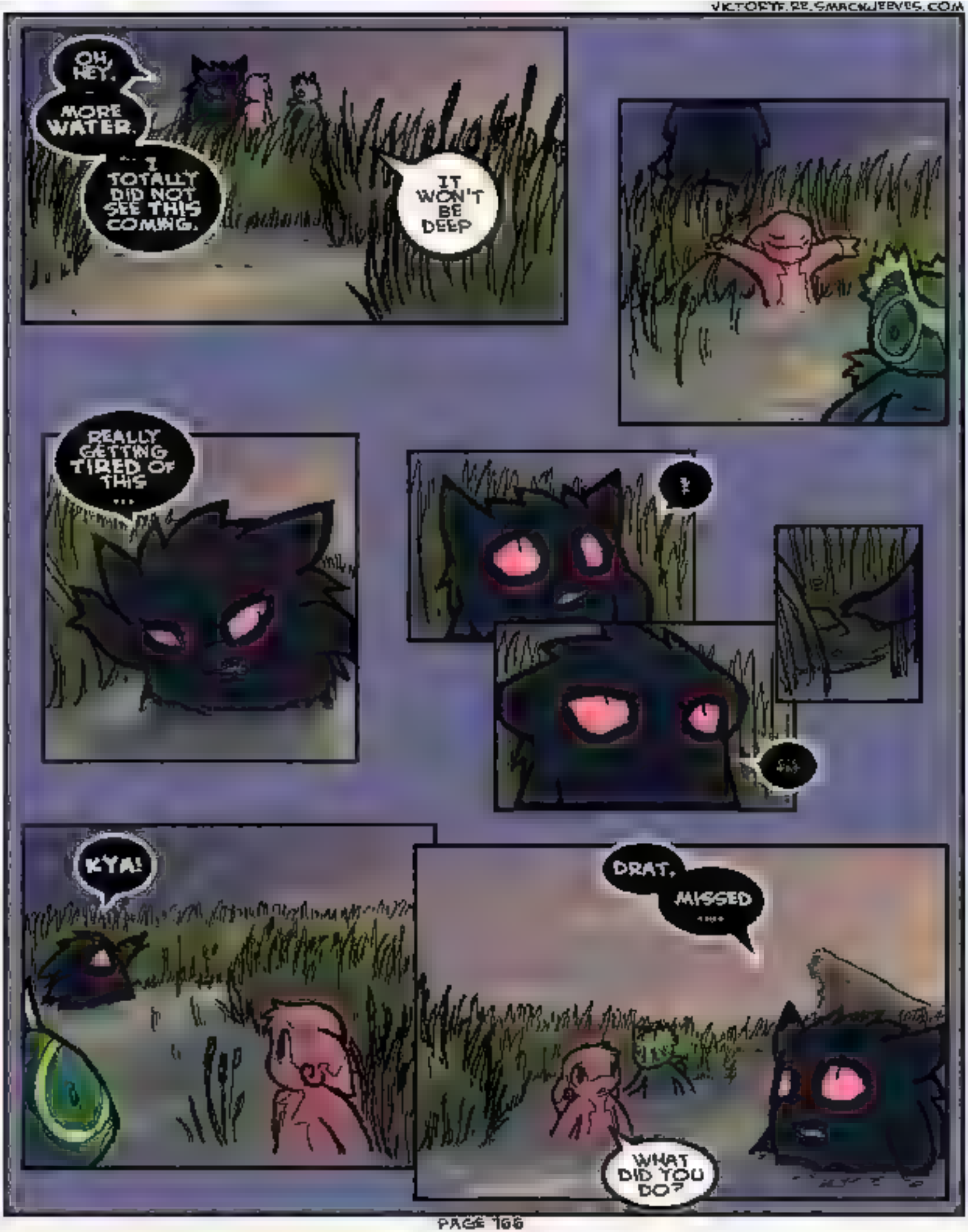
BUT LOOK.

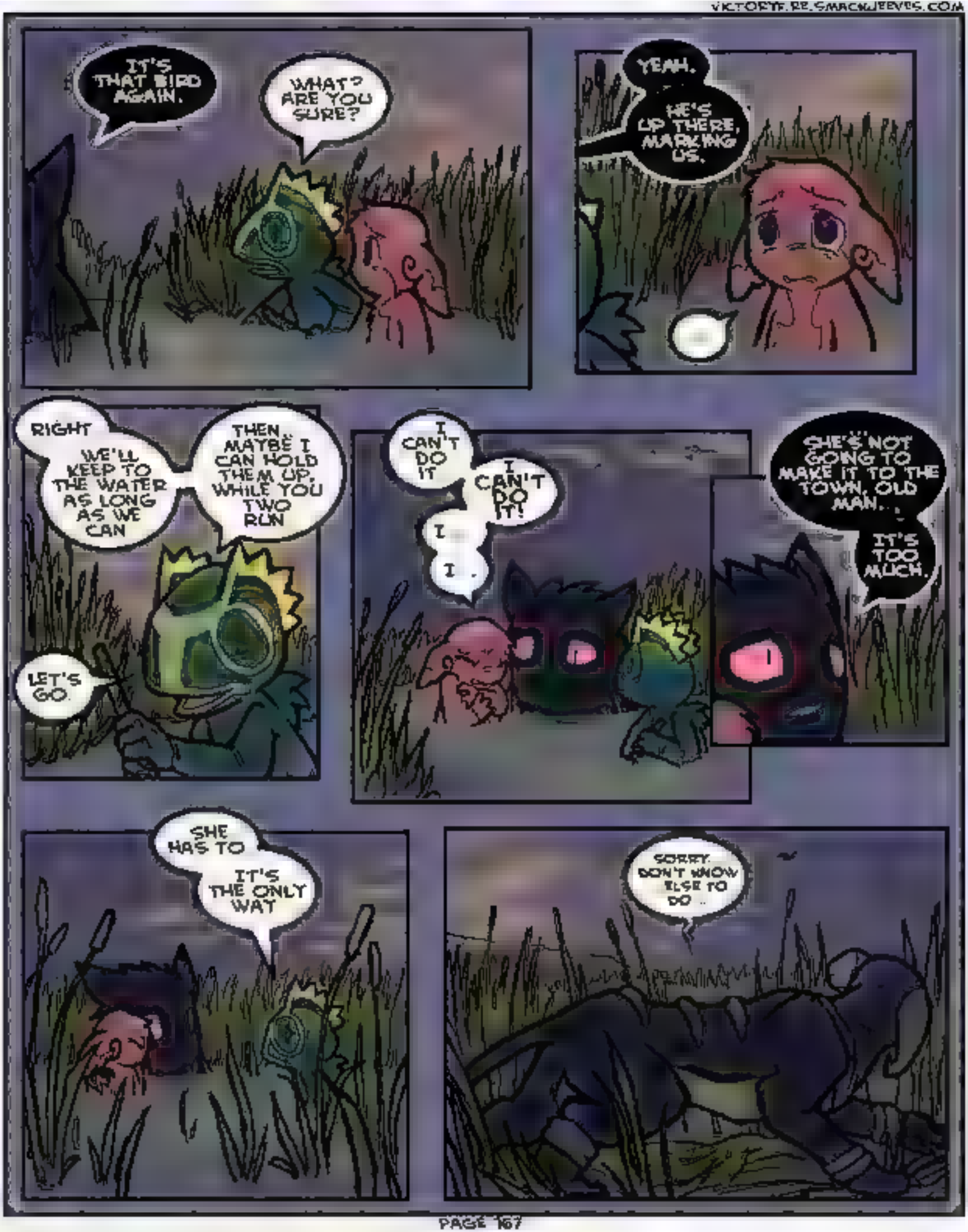
DO YOU SEE IT?

IT LOOKS A LONG WAY

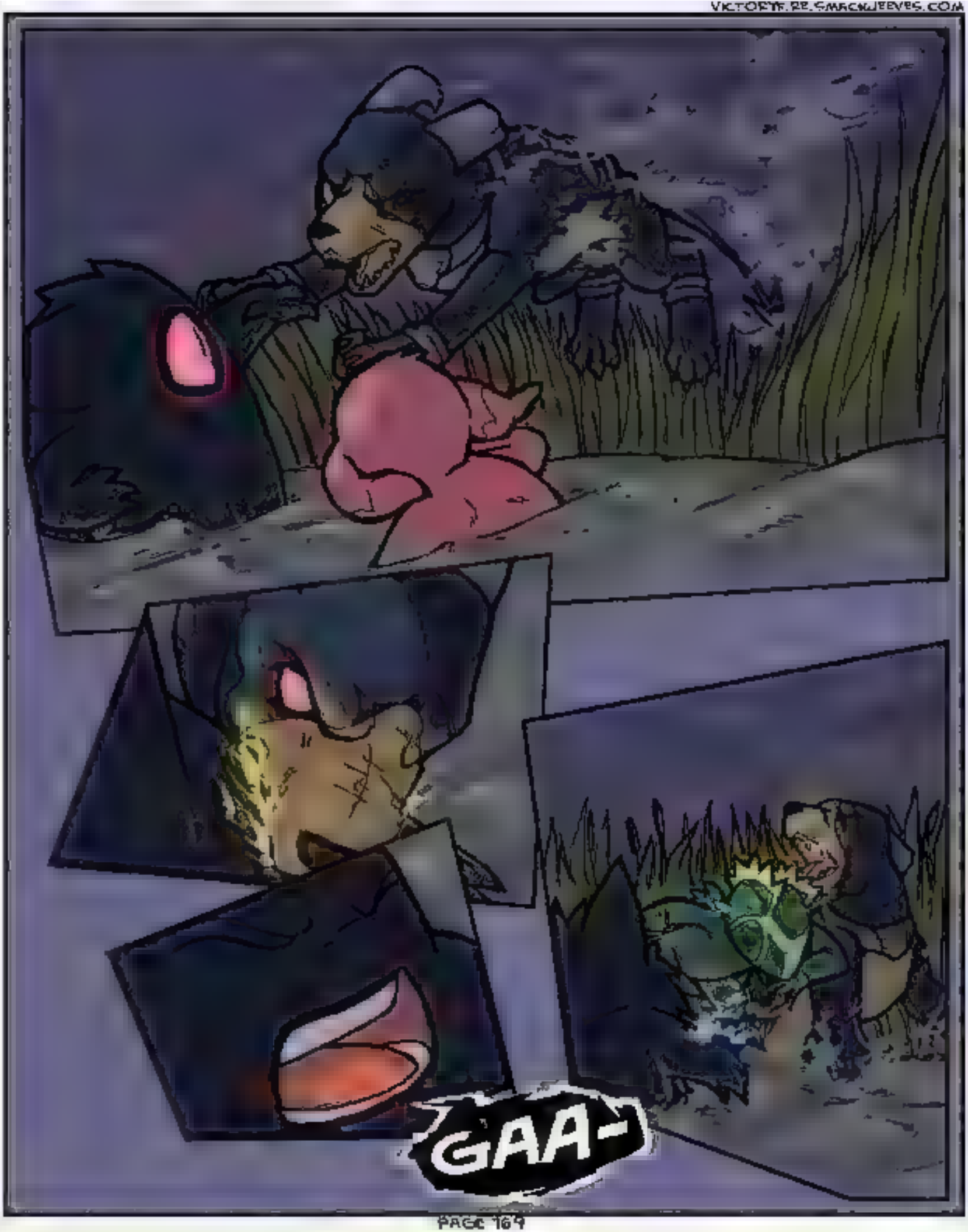
NOT THAT FAR NOW

ONE MORE TRY, ALL RIGHT? WE CAN ALL REST WHEN WE'RE SAFE


OH, HEY.
MORE WATER.
... I TOTALLY DID NOT SEE THIS COMING.
IT WON'T BE DEEP
REALLY GETTING TIRED OF THIS ...
?
KYA!
DRAT, MISSED
WHAT DID YOU DO?


IT'S THAT BIRD AGAIN.
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH.
HE'S UP THERE, MARKING US.
RIGHT
WE'LL KEEP TO THE WATER AS LONG AS WE CAN
THEN, MAYBE I CAN HOLD THEM UP, WHILE YOU TWO RUN
LET'S GO.
I CAN'T DO IT
I CAN'T DO IT!
I
I
SHE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT TO THE TOWN, OLD MAN...
IT'S TOO MUCH.
SHE HAS TO
IT'S THE ONLY WAY
SORRY. DON'T KNOW ELSE TO DO..

HEY, C'MON, WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO QUIT NOW.
HF
LEAN ON ME IF YA HAVE TO.
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, RIGHT?
AHEH
HH
HH
G-!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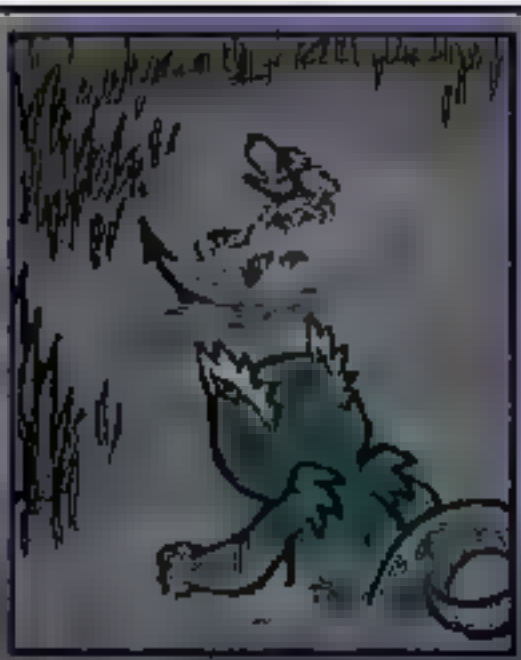
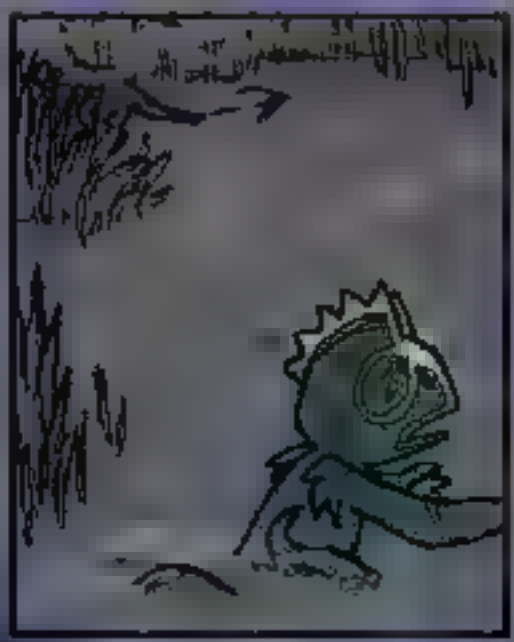
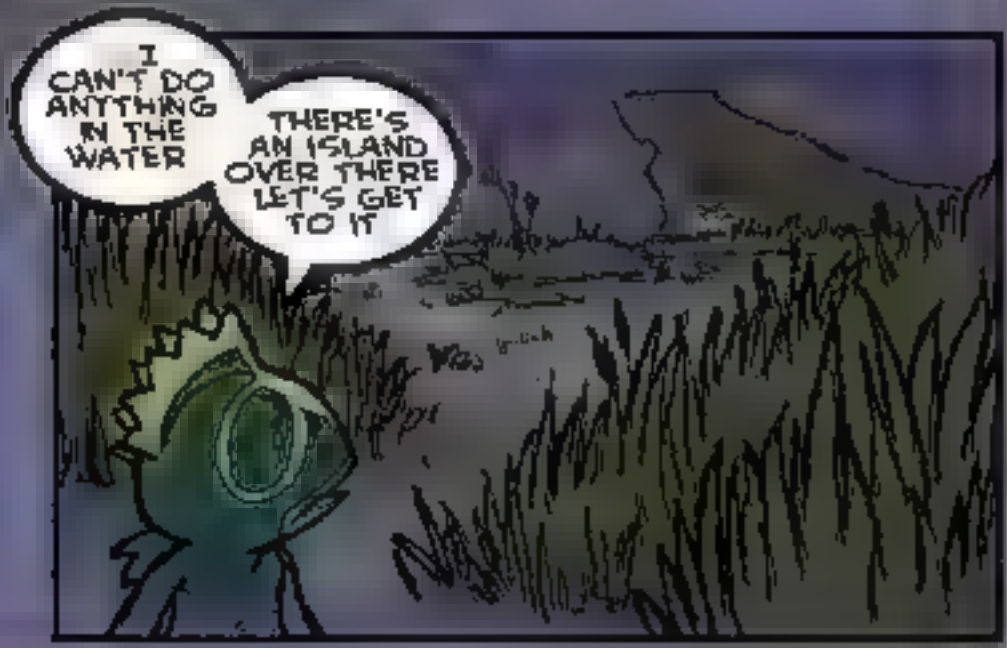
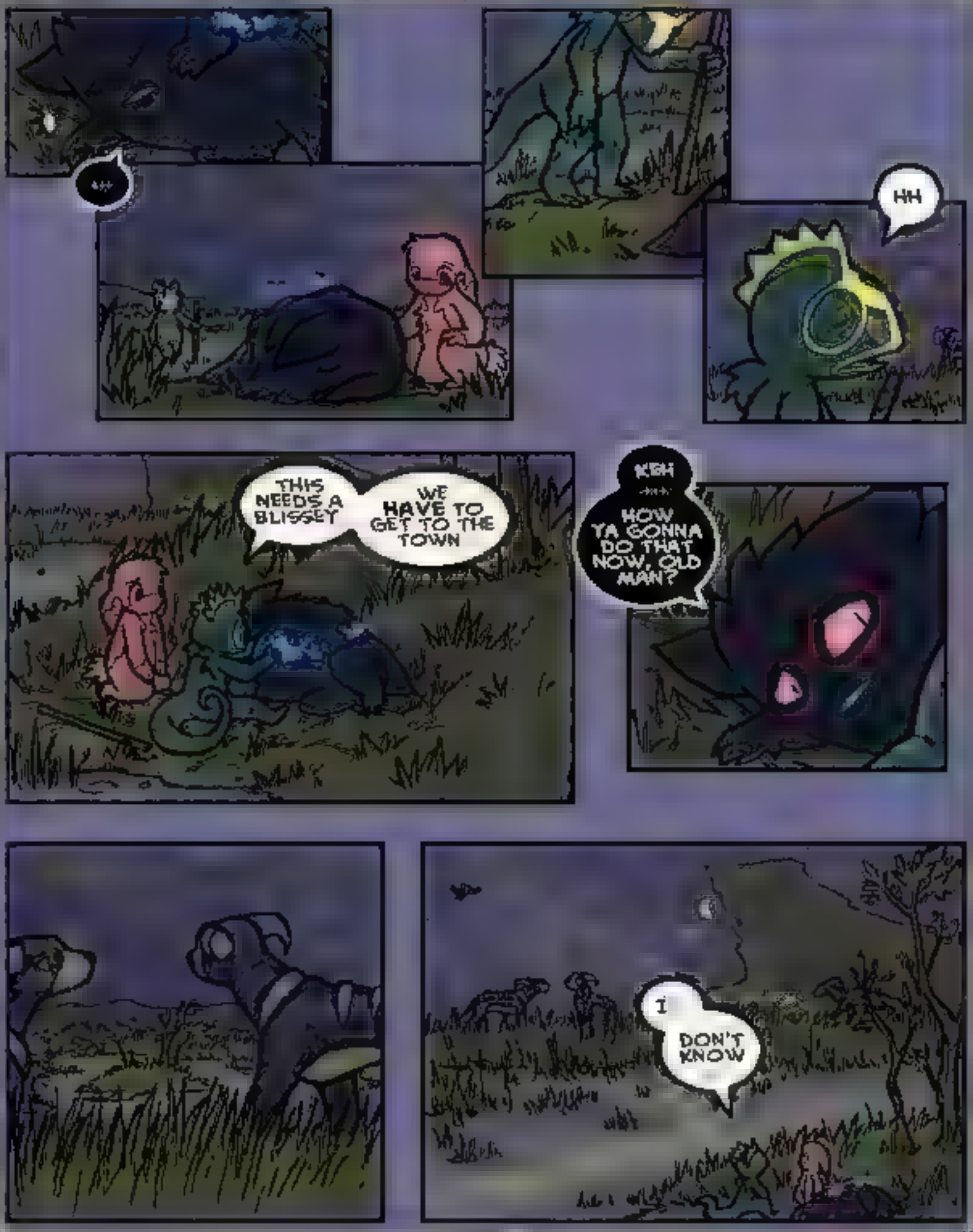




KECLEON, HELP!

HE'S BLEEDING!
CALM DOWN, JEN HE'S TAKEN A BURN


I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THE WATER
THERE'S AN ISLAND OVER THERE LET'S GET TO IT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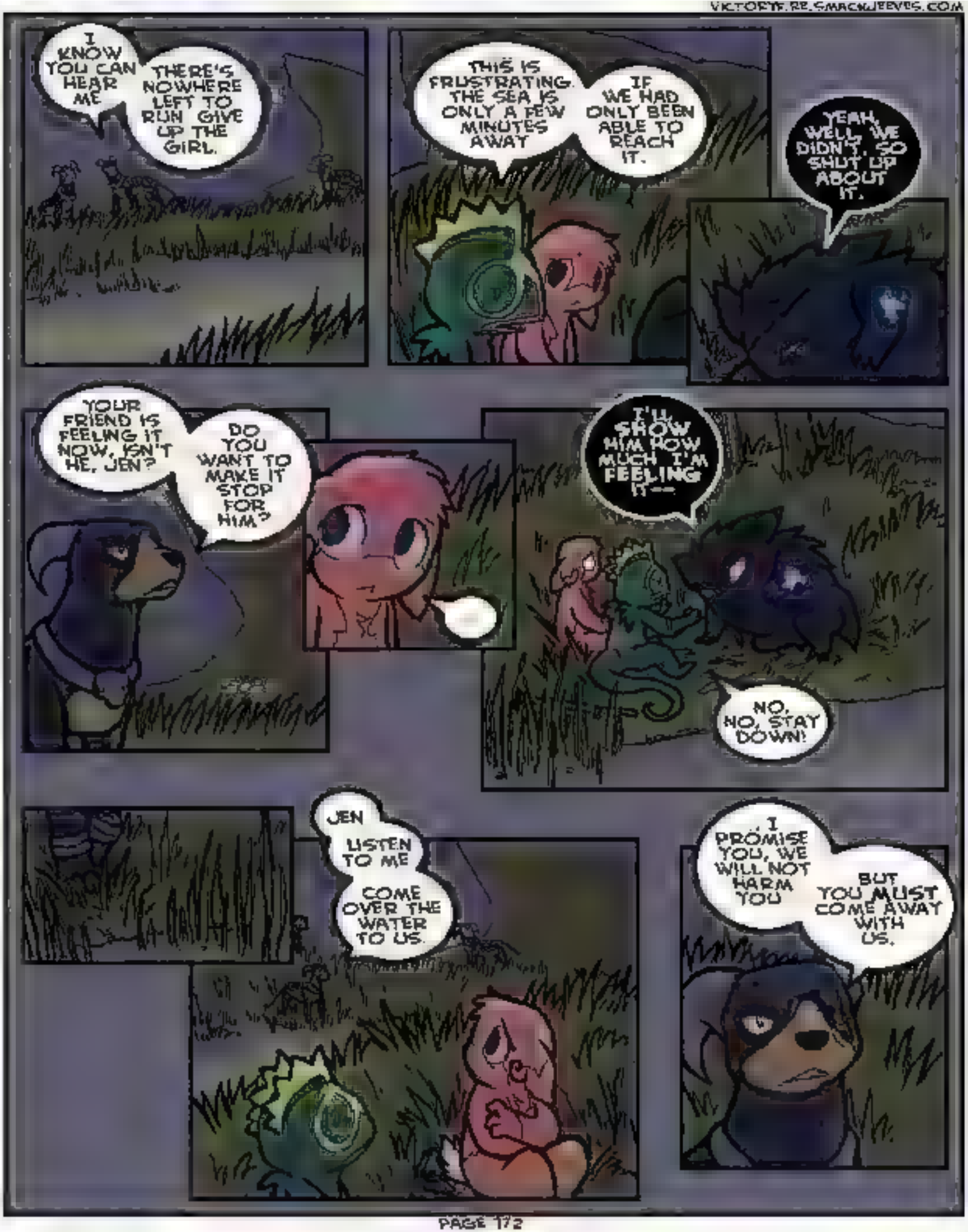
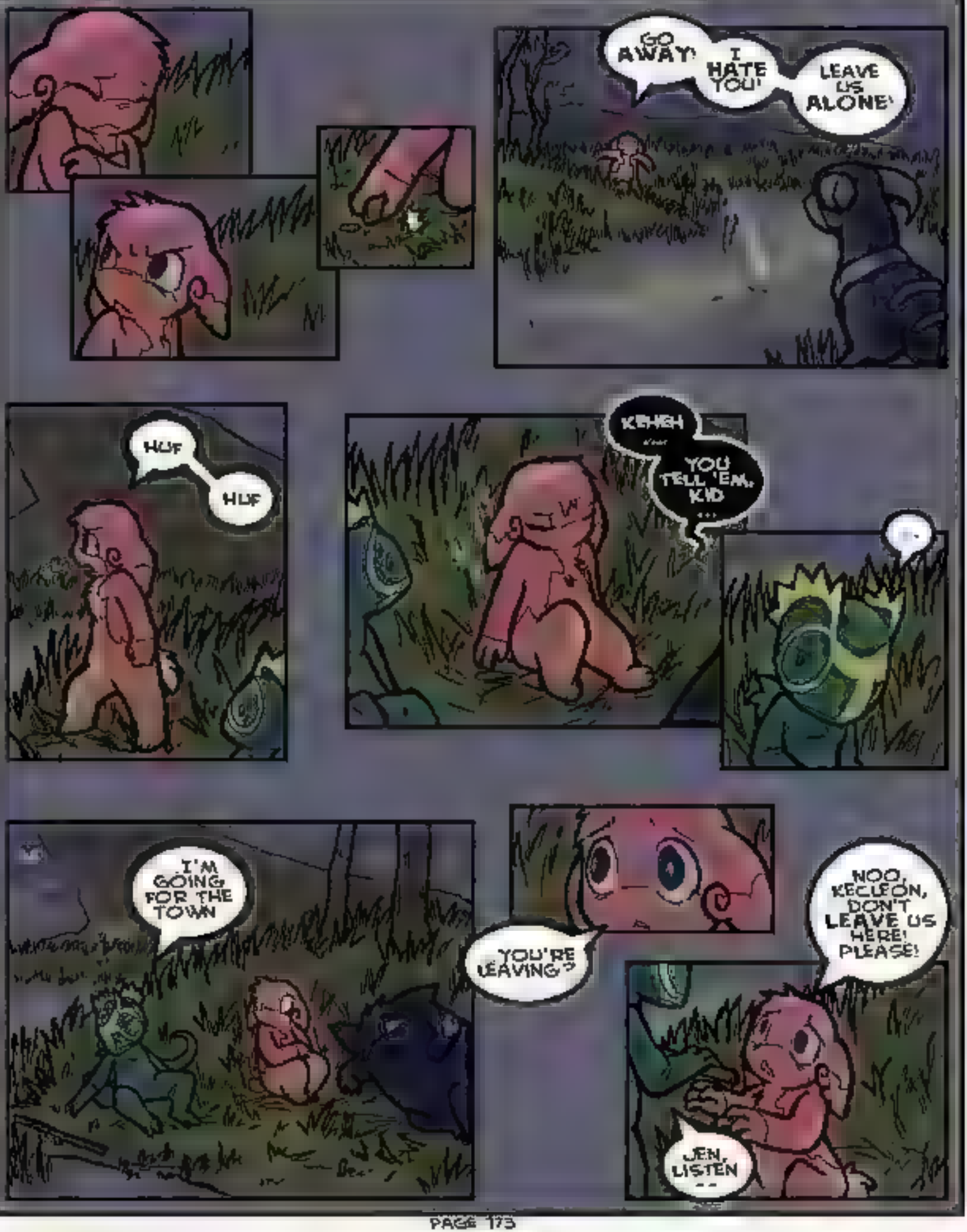
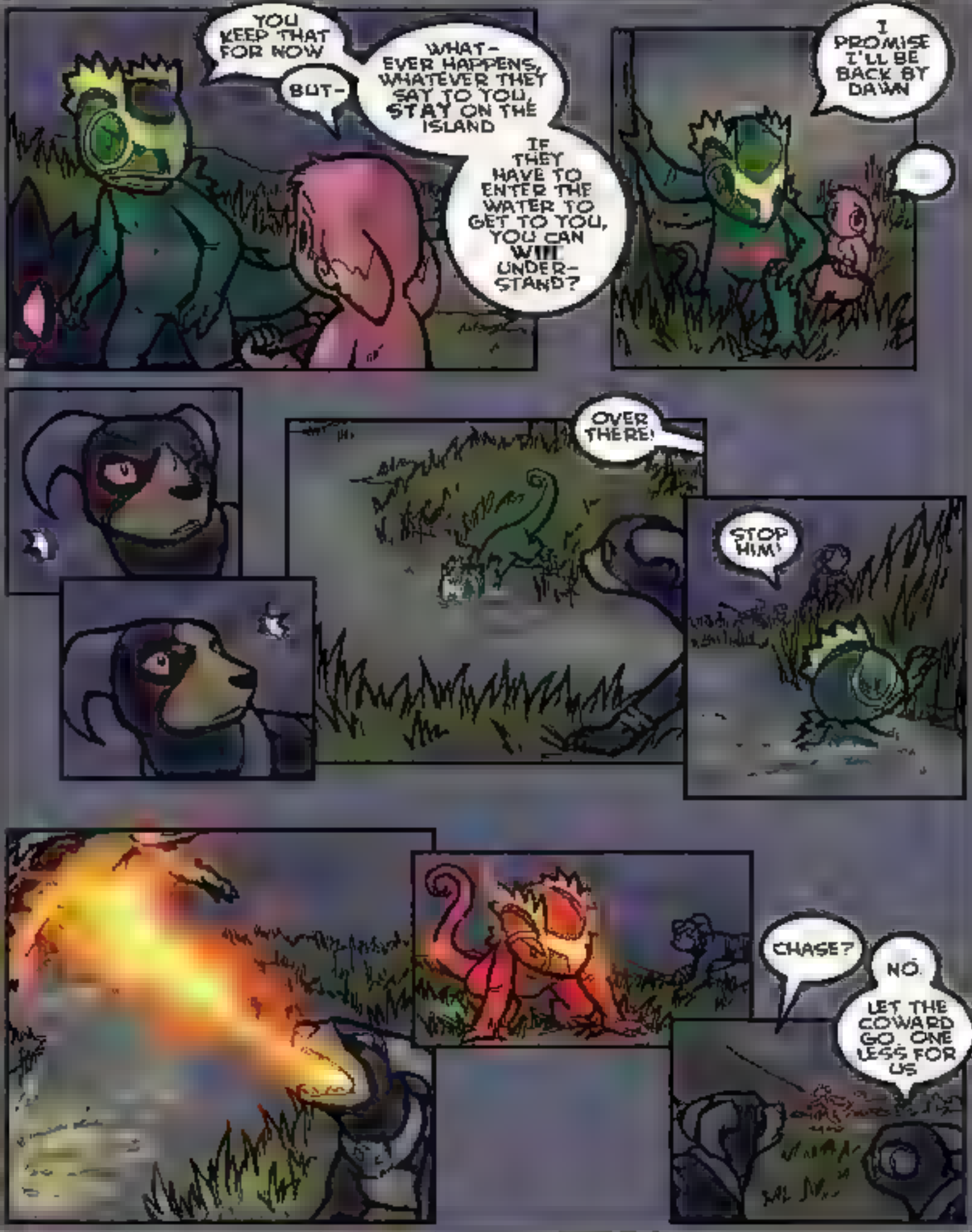
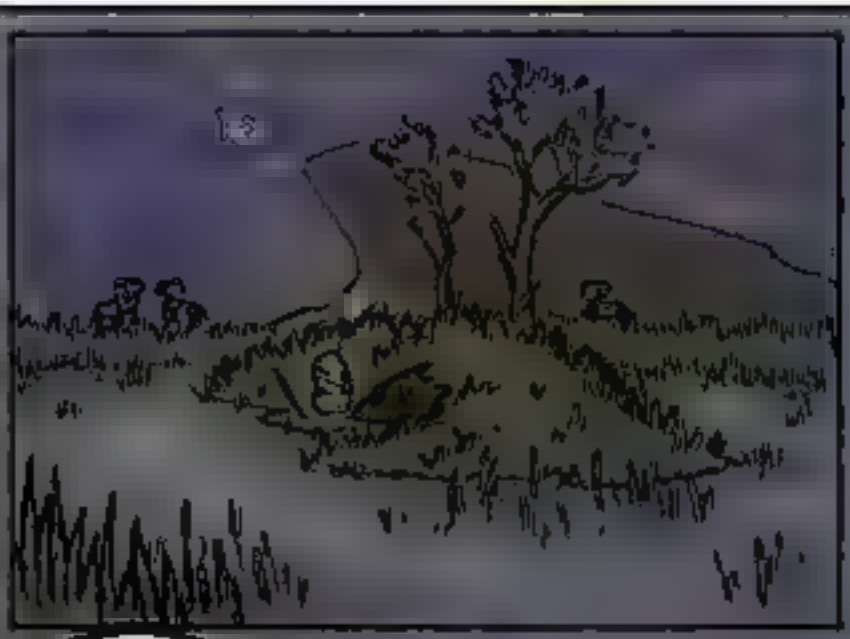
HH
THIS NEEDS A BLISSEY
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE TOWN
KEH
HOW YA GONNA DO THAT NOW, OLD MAN?
I DON'T KNOW


I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME
THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN GIVE UP THE GIRL.
THIS IS FRUSTRATING. THE SEA IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES AWAY
IF WE HAD ONLY BEEN ABLE TO REACH IT.
YEAH, WELL WE DIDN'T. SO SHUT UP ABOUT IT.
YOUR FRIEND IS FEELING IT NOW, ISN'T HE, JEN?
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE IT STOP FOR HIM?
I'LL SHOW HIM HOW MUCH I'M FEELING IT--
NO, NO, STAY DOWN!
JEN
LISTEN TO ME
COME OVER THE WATER TO US.
I PROMISE YOU, WE WILL NOT HARM YOU
BUT YOU MUST COME AWAY WITH US.


GO AWAY!
I HATE YOU!
LEAVE US ALONE!
HUF
HUF
KEHEH
YOU TELL 'EM, KID
I'M GOING FOR THE TOWN
YOU'RE LEAVING?
NOO, KECLEON, DON'T LEAVE US HERE! PLEASE!
JEN, LISTEN


YOU KEEP THAT FOR NOW
BUT-
WHAT-EVER HAPPENS, WHATEVER THEY SAY TO YOU, STAY ON THE ISLAND
IF THEY HAVE TO ENTER THE WATER TO GET TO YOU, YOU CAN WIN UNDER-STAND?
I PROMISE I'LL BE BACK BY DAWN
OVER THERE!
STOP HIM!
CHASE?
NO.
LET THE COWARD GO. ONE LESS FOR US



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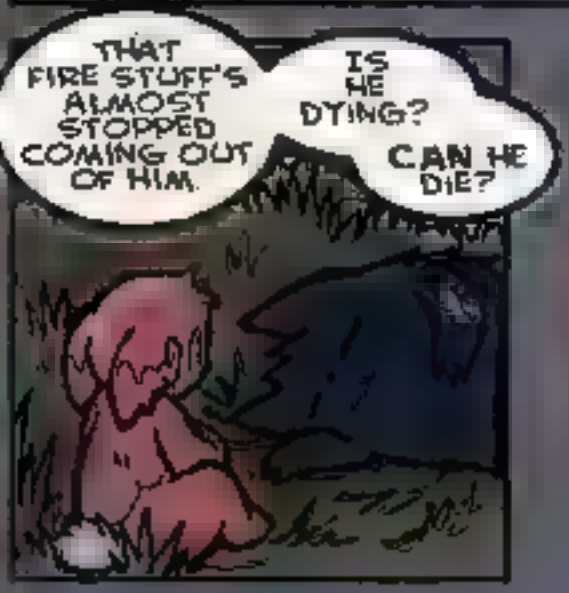
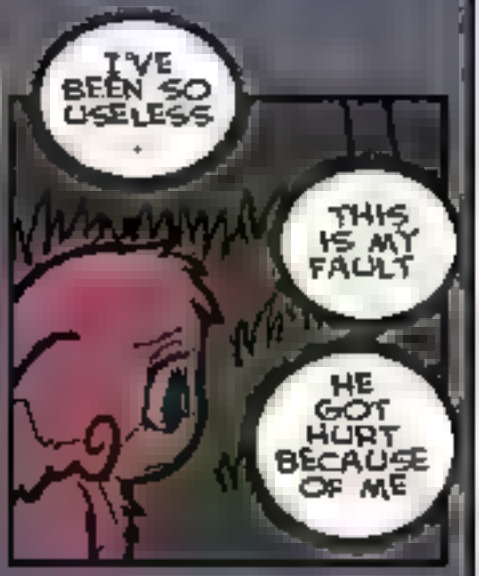
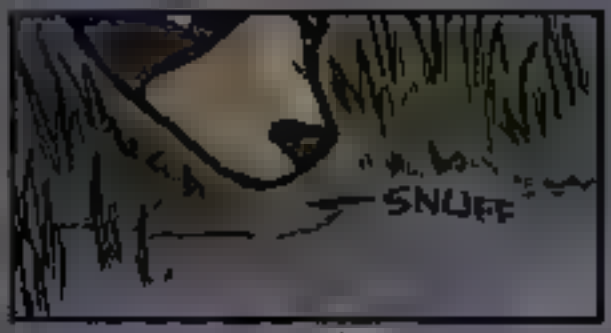

THAT FIRE STUFF'S ALMOST STOPPED COMING OUT OF HIM.
IS HE DYING?
CAN HE DIE?

EVER SINCE I GOT HERE I'VE BEEN HIDING BEHIND OTHER PEOPLE
LETTING THEM PROTECT ME


I'VE BEEN SO USELESS
THIS IS MY FAULT
HE GOT HURT BECAUSE OF ME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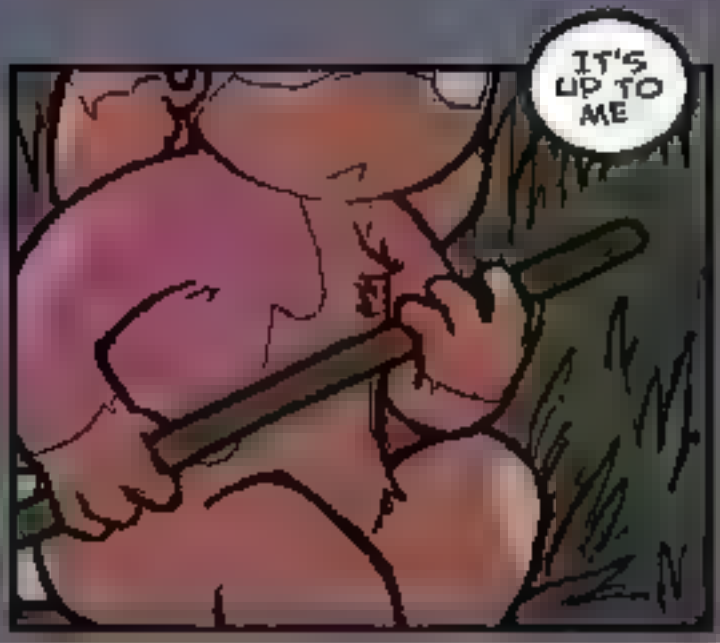
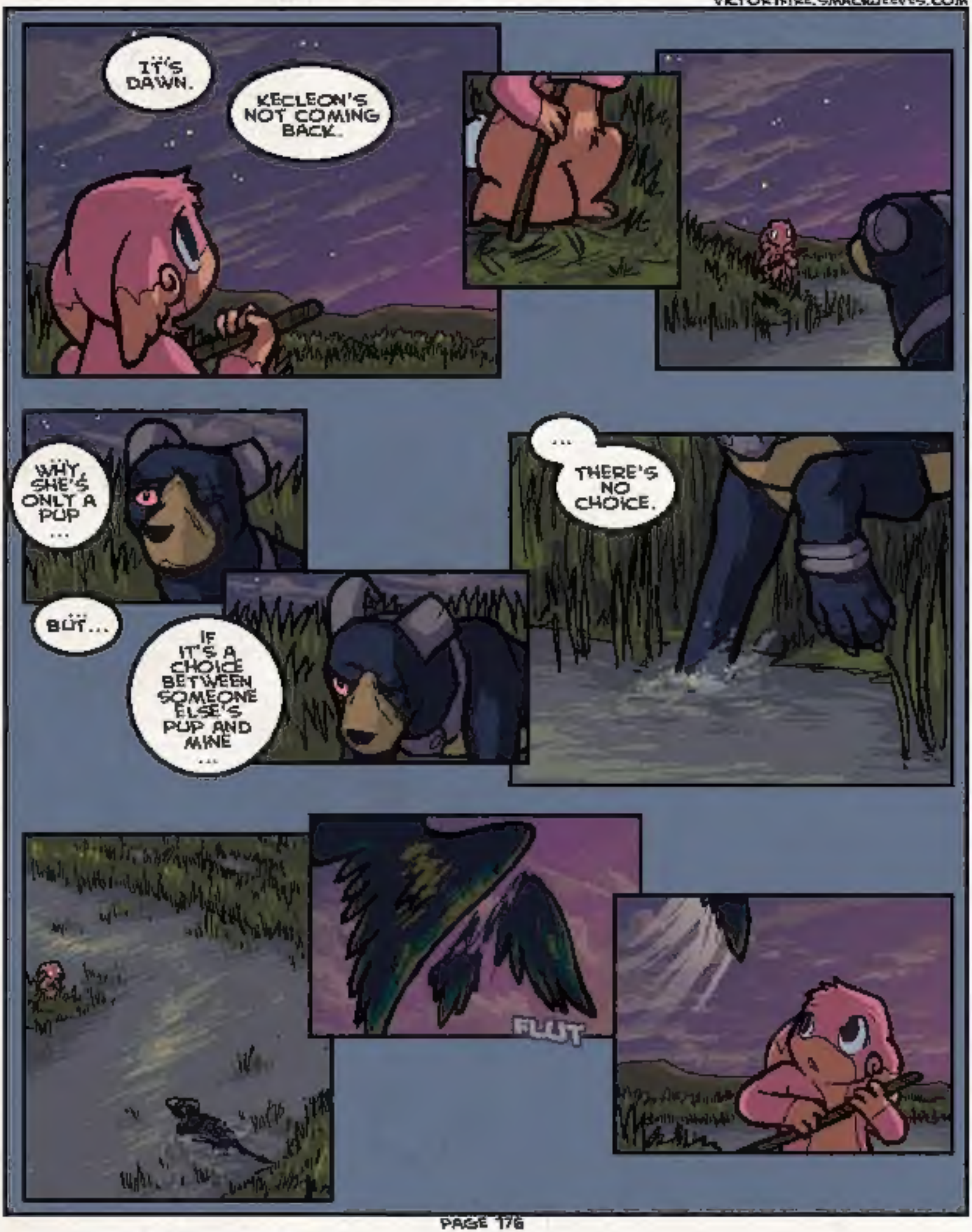
HE'S GOING TO TRY IT
HE'S STEELING HIMSELF FOR IT


IT'S UP TO ME


IT'S DAWN.
KECLEON'S NOT COMING BACK.
WHY SHE'S ONLY A PUP ...
BUT...
IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN SOMEONE ELSE'S PUP AND MINE ...
...
THERE'S NO CHOICE.
FLUT

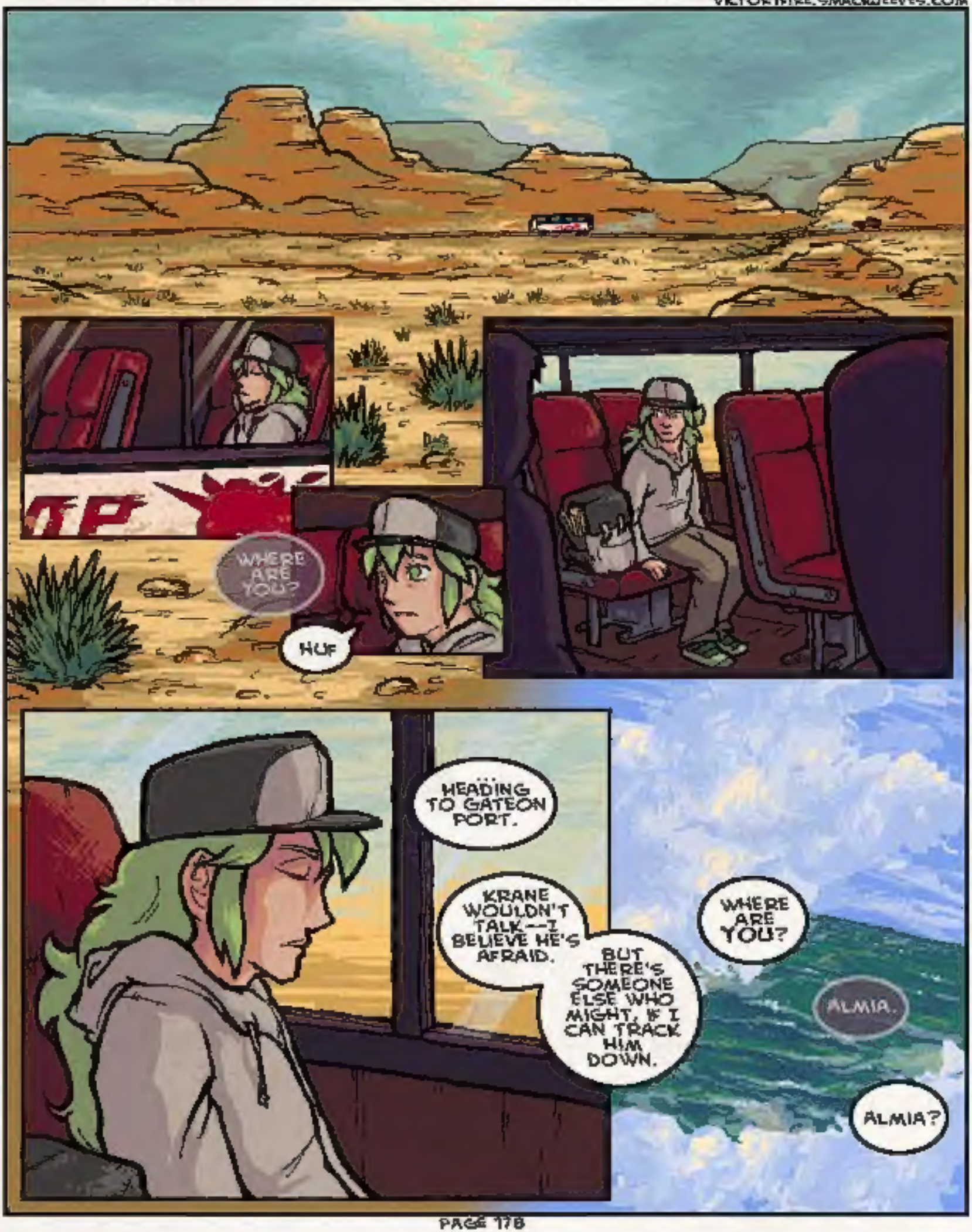
ARE YOU JEN?

HUH ... YEAH ...

THEY'RE HERE! OVER HERE!
FLUT
TOOM-TAH!

CRASH

HEY HEY!
SOME-BODY NEED A RESCUE?


WHERE ARE YOU?
HUF
...HEADING TO GATEON PORT.
KRANE WOULDN'T TALK--I BELIEVE HE'S AFRAID.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT, IF I CAN TRACK HIM DOWN.
WHERE ARE YOU?
ALMIA.
ALMIA?

THERE'S A MAN IN JAIL HERE CALLED BLAKE HALL.

I'VE LOOKED AT HIM. HIS MIND WAS TAMPERED WITH, BY SOMETHING THAT KNEW EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS DOING.

I KNOW WHAT XDOOZ IS.

BUT NOT WHERE IT IS?

I HAVE AN EDUCATED GUESS.

THE INTERIOR OF ALMIA HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY EXPLORED BY YOUR KIND.

THOUSANDS OF MILES UNTOUCHED BY HUMAN HAND. THEIR BORDERS GUARDED.

IF I HAD BEEN DEFEATED, AND NEEDED TO HIDE MYSELF, THAT'S THE SORT OF PLACE I'D GO.

DID HE?